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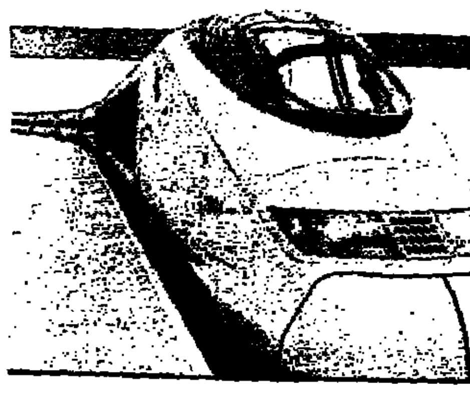

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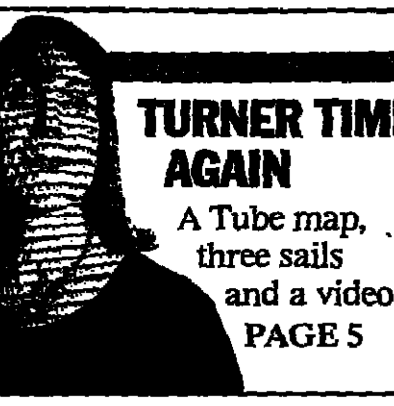

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Howard set to ban 'Rambo' knives

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

MICHAEL HOWARD hinted strongly last night that he was ready to ban the sale of Rambo-style knives after the public outcry against the availability of such weapons.

The Home Secretary told MPs that he would use an existing law to stop sales of weapons such as the £145 12-inch blade called The Vindicator — so long as a satisfactory definition could be devised to differentiate them from kitchen and other working knives.

Mr Howard's pledge came during ill-tempered exchanges over knives and other law and order issues, which have been highlighted since Frances Lawrence launched her personal moral crusade last week.

He was clearly irritated by Opposition attempts to embarrass the Government over the issue, and he accused Labour of engaging in "absurd, trivialising gesture politics". But MPs on both sides detected a change of emphasis when he made plain that he was "in no sense reluctant" to use existing procedures to ban the knives.

As soon as the Government had a definition of combat knives it "would not hesitate" to use the procedures for banning them, he said; the only difficulty was the powerful one of finding a workable definition. Conservative MPs were in left in little doubt that a definition would be found.

Under the 1988 Criminal Justice Act, orders can be brought forward banning offensive weapons and the law has already been used to outlaw 14 weapons including the knuckleduster, belt-buckle knife, "push dagger", "butterfly knife", the "kyokestu shoge" — a length of rope fastened to a hooked knife — and the blowpipe gun used to fire hard pellets. Mr Howard indicated that combat knives would be dealt with under the same provisions.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, had waved a magazine at Mr Howard pointing to an advertisement for knives. He said there was a palpable difference between kitchen knives and combat knives, which had "no purpose whatever but maiming and killing people and should be banned".

Mr Howard replied that the Government had been trying to come up with a satisfactory definition for some time. He promised to consider any suggestions Mr Straw might have, but insisted: "We need specific suggestions for a definition, not party politics built on petitions."

Labour sources later welcomed Mr Howard's approach and said the party would co-operate in efforts to define knives and "begin to take steps to undermine the knife culture".

The former Cabinet minister David Mellor agreed with Mr Straw that a definition was possible and called for a spirit of sensible co-operation between the front benches. "Why are we having these 'Rambo side-swords', or whatever they are, being produced? They are being produced for one reason and one reason only: as a contribution towards the culture of violence which we have imported into this country by our unthinking acceptance of American entertainment norms."

While Mr Howard expressed his willingness to ban combat knives, he continued to resist demands for a ban on all handguns and for Conservatives to be given a free vote when MPs debate the gun control Bill due to be published this week.

Nevertheless, the Labour Chief Whip, Donald Dewar makes another appeal to the Government to allow "freedom of conscience" on the issue of whether all handguns should be banned. Writing in *The Times*, he says that the only reason it is refusing a free vote is because it cannot stand the thought of defeat. "Without a whip their uneasy compromise between Lord Cullen's report and the pleas of the Dunblane parents may well be swept away." A free vote would help the reputation of Parliament and was the one way of resolving the issue that would be seen to be fair.

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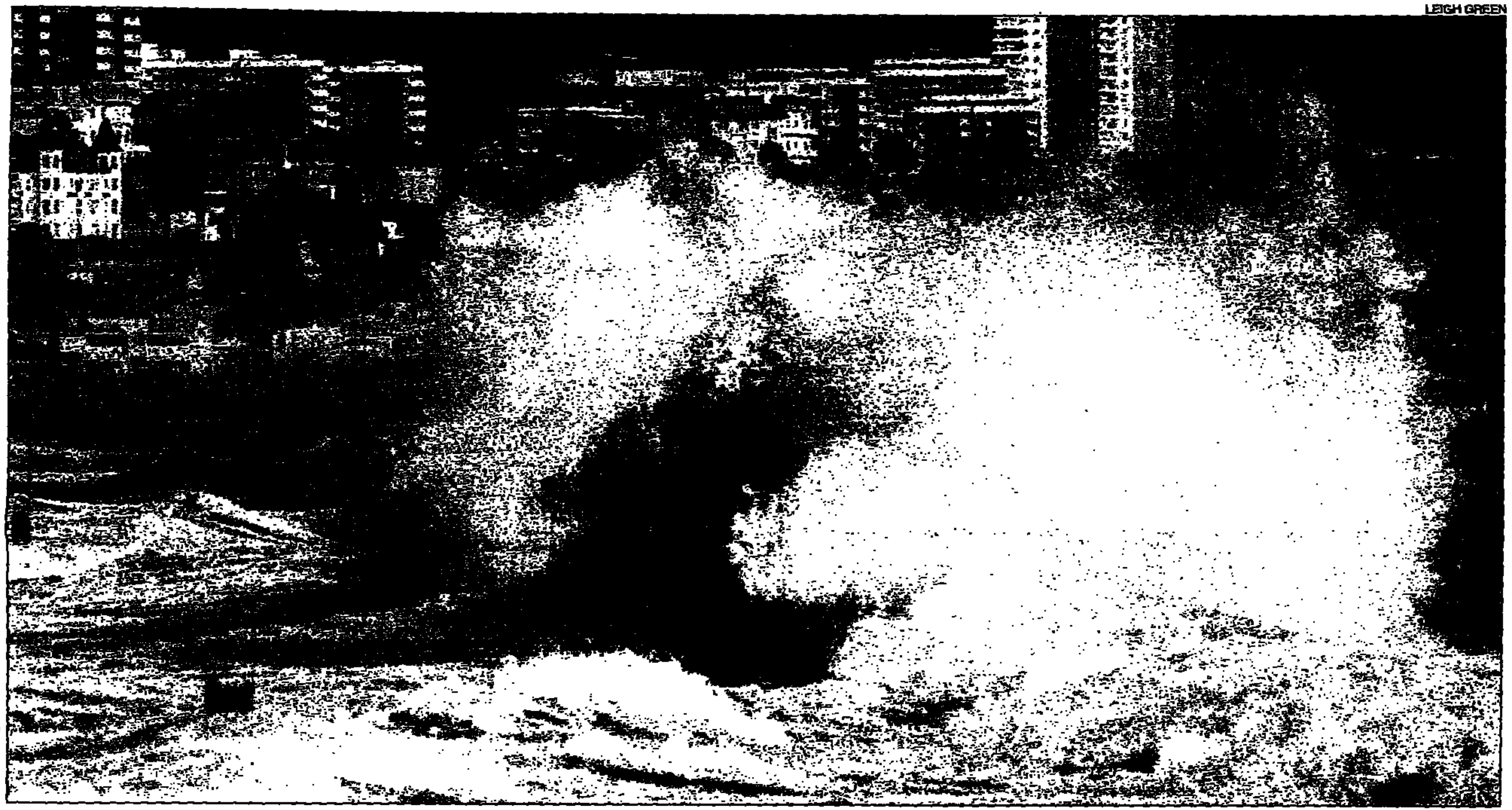

Winds of 90mph whip up waves lashing the seafront in Bournemouth yesterday. More of Britain, from Cornwall and Wales to Kent, was affected than by the gales of 1987

Day of gales makes it windiest October since 1987

By Emma Wilkins

HURRICANE-FORCE winds swept across Wales and southern England yesterday causing widespread damage and traffic chaos in some of the worst weather since the great storm of 1987.

Winds of up to 92mph were recorded at Mumbles, near Swansea, South Wales, as gales of storm force 11 to 13 swept down the Bristol Channel. Thousands of homes in Wales and the West Country were left without electricity after cable lines collapsed. Four people have died in the high winds, which are caused by the arrival from America of Hurricane Lili.

Roads, bridges and rail and ferry connections around Britain were disrupted as householders were warned to secure garden furniture and loose tiles. Although wind speeds were not as high as the 115mph recorded in 1987, a wider part of the country is affected from Wales and Cornwall in the west to Kent in the east. The London Weather Centre said: "Hurricane Lili has blown across the Atlantic and reinvented itself to bring us these high winds. This could be one of the windiest Octobers since 1987." High winds in Cumberland, Westmorland and parts of Scotland were caused by a different weather system of northerly winds, the centre reported.

Ferry crossings to France, The Netherlands, the Irish Republic and the Isle of Man were cancelled as wind speeds of up to force 13 were recorded off west and south coasts. Drivers were warned to take extra care, especially on exposed roads.

A woman was injured as she was waiting at a bus stop in Everton, Merseyside, when a double decker bus was blown into the bus shelter. A fisherman who was swept out to sea by a wave during force nine gales in Swansea was named last night as Paul Jones, 25.

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Head to close school in row over tearaway

By John O'Leary and Paul Wilkinson

THE head of the Nottinghamshire school where staff are refusing to teach ten-year-old Matthew Wilson warned parents last night that he would shut the school this morning on safety grounds.

Manton Junior School, in Worksop, will be the first in Britain to close because of disciplinary problems. Bill Skelley told parents he could no longer safeguard their children. In a statement issued through the National Union of Teachers, he said closure was in the interest of the pupils.

Yesterday Mr Skelley taught the boy himself after the governors decided that the school could no longer afford the £14,000-a-year cost of a supply teacher they had agreed to provide last month. But he said the arrangement could not continue and there was no alternative to closure.

The dispute has been simmering since Manton's governors twice refused to sanction Matthew's expulsion for unruly behaviour. The seven members of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers are threatening to strike tomorrow if individual tuition is not restored, or the boy moved to another school. Pamela Cliffe, Matthew's mother, has refused to accept a change of school.

The closure comes as education officials drafted in one of their most successful head teachers to take over at the troubled Ridings School in Halifax, West Yorkshire, where staff want up to 60 tearaways expelled.

David Scott currently runs Calder High School, in nearby Mytholmroyd, where he has made the school the leading local authority comprehensive. He has been seconded to assist at The Ridings and last night was tipped to take over from Karen Stansfield, the present head, who resigned last week after complaining that the job had exhausted her.

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Shoppers watch as rapists abduct girl

By Adrian Lee

SHOPPERS who watched and did nothing as a 15-year-old girl was dragged kicking and screaming from a busy high street into a car were condemned by the police yesterday.

The girl's screams were ignored as she was taunted by three men, then abducted in daylight. She was driven to a disused building site and raped repeatedly before being released 12 hours later.

The girl was walking in King's Heath, Birmingham on Friday when she was pestered by the men, whom she did not know. She tried to ignore them but was hauled into the car and released four miles away, in Northfield, at 3.30 am the next morning. She telephoned for help from a callbox.

Detective Inspector Chris Wooldridge, who is leading the hunt for the rapists, said: "This was a horrendous attack on a lone young girl in broad daylight. She is extremely distraught and upset.

"She told us that a number of people saw her being pulled into the car . . . It's terrible that people just stood there while this young girl was fighting and kicking."

The police are seeking three Asian men in their twenties and want to trace shoppers who saw the gang, who were in a four-door car. Their victim lives in West Heath, Birmingham.

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Building society share hand-out

Alliance & Leicester, the fourth biggest building society, will distribute 250 shares worth a total of £1,000 to each of its 2.4 million members if its flotation proceeds.

Members must vote on proposals by December 5 or attend a special general meeting in London on December 10 to vote in person. The flotation is expected to go ahead at the beginning of next year .... Page 25

Times awards

The Times was named Personal Finance National Newspaper of the Year last night and Robert Miller, financial journalist on *The Times*, received the Personal Finance Journalist of the Year Award in the tenth annual awards sponsored by the Bradford & Bingley Building Society .... Page 25

Lights dimmed

Lights at London's West End theatres were dimmed in tribute to the **Daily Mail** *theatre critic Jack Tinker, who died aged 58. It was the first such gesture since Lord Olivier died in 1989* .... Page 19

London regains style crown as 'cool Britannia' rules the raves

By Carol Midgley and Damian Whitworth

THIRTY years after Carnaby Street was hailed the world's hippest thoroughfare, London has regained its crown as the most stylish city on the planet.

Newsweek magazine yesterday devoted its front cover to London, "the world's coolest city", and paid homage to its recent culture explosion. A rapturous article described 1990s London as a "hip compromise between the non-stop newness of Los Angeles and the aspic-preserved beauty of Paris — sharpened to New York's edge".

But the news was met with derision by some of the city's self-appointed style gurus. David Lancaster, editor of *Eat Soup*, the food and drink magazine, pronounced *Newsweek's* choice of happening restaurants as "old hat". Ashley Heath, senior editor at the fashion bible *The Face*, said the magazine's choice of the best fashion designers merely told half the story.

American style watchers have been sent over in their droves recently to report on the new phenomenon of "Cool Brittania". According to *Newsweek* writers Michael Elliott and Stryker McGuire, it is London's new mix of street cred, wealth and the high speed Eurostar which has helped to produce the boom.

"London is happening because London is rich," they say.

Young Europeans are now able to make a day trip to London visiting the clubs and bars more easily than ever before. Of all French tourists in London, they say, 45 per cent are under 25. Germans are more likely to speak English than French and so prefer to visit the West End than the Left Bank.

On the London club scene, which *Newsweek* estimates pulls in 500,000 people every Saturday, Heaven and The Ministry of Sound are singled out for special mention.

"Once a dull warehouse venue in a down-at-heel neighbourhood, now a massively popular global entertainment complex with its own record label, clothing line, cinema, a store in Covent Garden and a Benettonesque ad campaign," its says of the Ministry. "A dozen languages can be detected, barely, in the cacophony of music."

In contrast to the 1950s — "where you could not find a decent meal in the place" — London now apparently boasts "an amazing variety of international food".

The Café de Paris, Wagamama's, 192 Restaurant, Lisboa Cafe and the new

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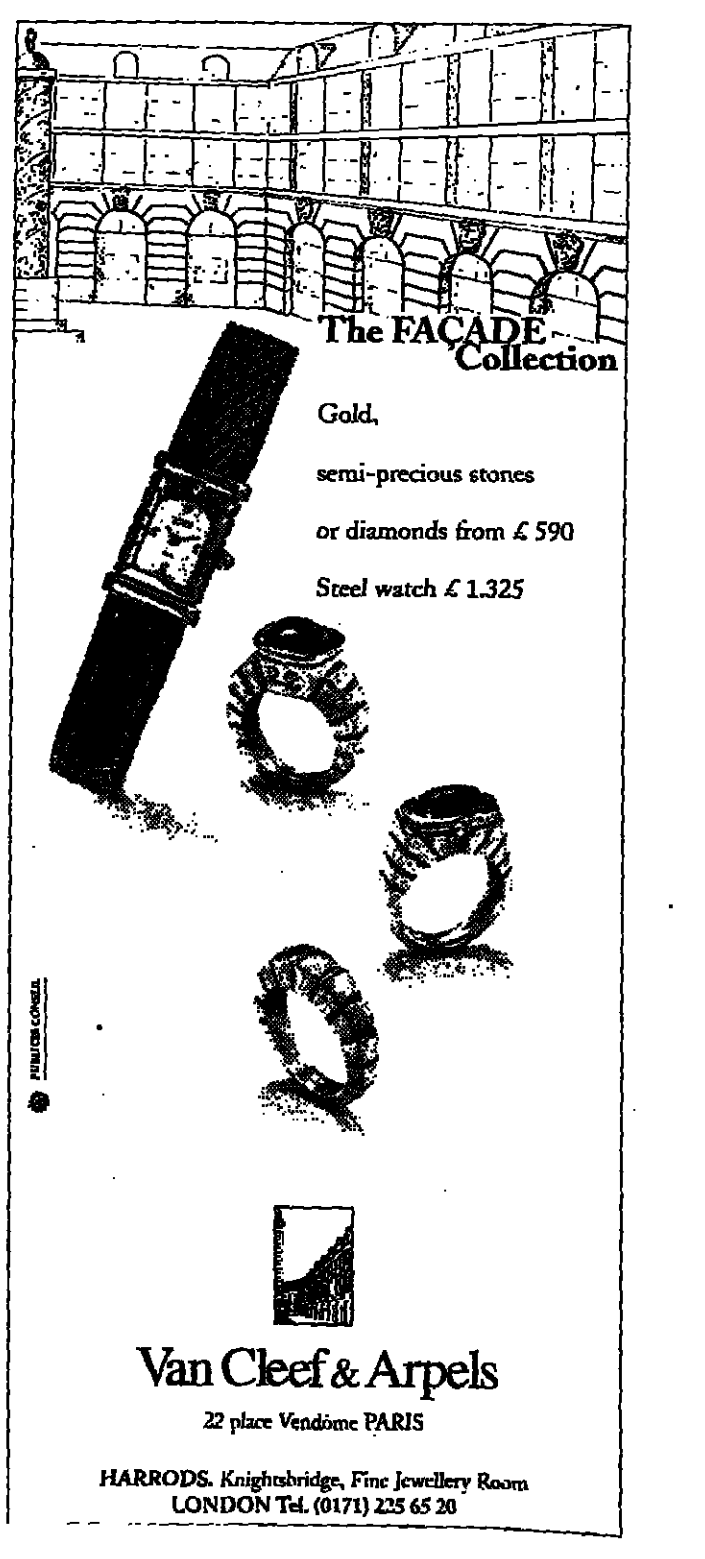

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Fuss over Bill's parentage makes MPs miss the bus

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

WHEN I was a boy, public opinion was thought a volatile thing: fickle, ill-considered, whipped into storms as violent as they were short-lived. Wise MPs were there to pause and think things through. Our political class was the anchor.

This state of affairs has now been turned on its head. While Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Jack Straw, his Labour Shadow, yelled at each other for more than an hour yesterday, excited backbenchers squawking, snarling or squeaking their contributions, I calculated that omnibuses of the numbers 3, 11, 12, 24, 29, 53 and (on their way to Clapham) 77 and 88 would all have passed the House of Commons, most of them full.

Had the passengers and crew of any one of those buses been invited to alight at Westminster, toss a coin, divide themselves into two teams, "Government" and "Opposition", then occupy the Commons Chamber; and had the MPs taken these passengers' places on the bus; then two things would have been certain. First, a more sensible debate on guns, combat knives and stalkers would have taken place in the Commons. Second, there would have been a riot on the bus. One of the first MPs' rows erupted within minutes and concerned *whose* stalkers' Bill should have been piloted through Parliament. Labour's Janet Anderson (Rossendale and Darwen) and *her* friends thought that, as *she* had tabled a Bill first, it should have been *her* Bill that the Home Office adapted into the required legislation. Michael Howard, however, wanted *his* Bill taken through to Royal Assent. *He* thought that *her* Bill had contained so many mistakes that it would have been impractical to sort it out before the summer. Instead, he had thrown away her Bill and would start again, now, with his.

Mrs Anderson's Labour friends clucked and interrupted in her support. Mr Howard's Tory friends rumbled and chuntered in his. There was absolutely no disagreement between them over the contents of the Bill: it was the question of which party would take the credit for it that enraged them. How much time would our bus passengers have thought it sensible to spend on this?

There was also a row about guns. Mr Howard accused the Liberal Democrats of claiming credit for the final shape of the Government's proposals, later deciding they did not like the proposals anyway. He accused another Labour MP (Peter Mandelson) of supporting the Tory position on guns before the Tories got there, whereupon his party had adopted a new position. Mr Howard was angry at the sheer scale of Jack Straw's "sanctimonious platitudes and squalid manoeuvring". These are supposed to be Tory preserves! Out-squaloured, out-sanctimoned and out-platituded, there was a note of jealousy in the Home Secretary's voice.

Discussion of the proposals themselves was hardly bothered with. What bothered MPs was who had adopted which position previously. How much time would our bus have wished to spend on this? Then came a row about knives. At the core of Jack Straw's case was something he had heard a policeman say: "If they can get a man on the moon, I'm sure they can get a definition of a combat knife." This singularly fatuous remark might, one hopes, have failed to impress our more fastidious guest-legislators from the Clapham omnibus.

Besides, it was American scientists, not British MPs, who got a man on to the moon. This sketch left the MPs in control of a bus. I doubt whether they got as far as Clapham.

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Two questioned over IRA attacks on Heathrow

By Stewart Tendler and Stephen Farrell

AN IRA suspect who drove a £22,000 Saab convertible car and dressed as a businessman was arrested yesterday by anti-terrorist detectives investigating the mortar attacks on Heathrow airport two years ago. A second suspect was arrested near by.

Armed police broke into the homes of the two men in Earls Court, west London, before dawn. Last night they were being held at Paddington Green police station while their homes were searched. They were being questioned about the mortar attacks and other activities.

The businessman was arrested at a one-bedroom ground-floor flat in West Cromwell Road. Neighbours said that he was in his mid-40s and drove an N-registration, green Saab convertible. The vehicle, bought from a Wimbledon dealer three months ago, was registered in a name different from that on the electoral roll for the flat. It was taken away for examination.

Neighbours said that the short, grey-haired Irishman had lived in the flat for more than a year and was usually seen in business suits and carrying a briefcase.

The second man, also in his 40s, was arrested at a flat in Warwick Road. Neighbours were woken by bangs and saw police in bulletproof jackets running down the street with handguns drawn.

Kenji Mitsuhashi, 26, a Japanese student staying at an adjacent hotel, said: "I heard two loud bangs, it sounded like a gun being fired. Six or seven men went in next door with guns. Then I saw one man being brought out dressed in a white paper suit with his hands handcuffed behind his back."

Seth Kaye, 20, an American backpacker staying in a hostel opposite the flat, said: "There were ten police on the block and maybe another eight standing around and another ten or 15 patrolling the area and the side streets. It was a very quiet, very organised operation."

The mortar bomb attacks in March 1994 left Scotland Yard highly embarassed. A dozen mortar bombs were fired at Heathrow airport in three separate attacks within five days. One landed on the roof of Terminal 4, which was crowded with thousands of passengers, and others narrowly missed parked aircraft, but none exploded.

In the first attack, four mortar bombs launched from a car parked at the Excelsior Hotel landed near the north runway. Less than 30 hours later another four bombs were launched and landed just short of the south runway, near Terminal 4. They passed less than 40 yards from a parked Boeing 747. In the third attack four mortar bombs were fired and three hit the tarmac about 50 yards from 15 waiting aircraft. The final bomb landed on the roof of Terminal 4.

The attacks, and warnings of more bombs, caused panic among passengers and delayed many flights. Heathrow and Gatwick were closed for hours at a time. The Queen was undaunted by the IRA threats and was said to have ordered the captain of her RAF VC10 to land at Heathrow in the full knowledge that the airport was in the grip of one of the security alerts.

The arrests are the latest in a series since the end of the IRA ceasefire. In June a motor mechanic was flown from Northern Ireland to be charged in connection with the London Docklands bombing. In July police recovered a cache of explosives and charged eight suspects. Last month four men were charged with plotting to plant lorry bombs after raids in west London, during which one suspect was shot dead.

CRISPIN RODWELL

Clare Callaghan welcomed the inquest's findings that her husband, pictured below with their daughter Niamh, probably died through exposure to BSE-infected meat

CJD death 'probably related to BSE'

A MAN who contracted Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease probably died through exposure to BSE-infected meat, an inquest found yesterday. Maurice Callaghan, 30, an engineer, died last November after a nine-month illness.

John Leckey, the Belfast Coroner, told the inquest that while he could not go any further than putting the cause of death down to the disease, he agreed with experts that it was linked to exposure to BSE. "But I believe it would be wrong for me to state that as a fact when the experts did not."

Professor James Ironside, one of the authors of new research linking the disease to BSE, said that in all probability Mr Callaghan's death was related, but there was as yet no direct evidence to confirm this. "We researchers are fairly confident that BSE is at the root of the new variant. In the light of new evidence it is most likely that it is linked to exposure to BSE before the offal ban was introduced in 1989," he said.

Mr Callaghan's widow, Clare, told the inquest that her husband, had been a fit and healthy man and keen basketball player and had eaten red meat two or three times a week. She said that in the last stages of his illness her husband was unable to speak, had no idea what was happening around him, and needed continuous care.

After the inquest, she added that she hoped firmer evidence would soon be available to confirm the link. She welcomed the statements of Professor Ironside and joined the coroner in calling for a test for CJD to be developed as a matter of urgency. She said the family would need to discuss what action to take next.

No verdict was recorded: inquests in Northern Ireland end with a summary from the coroner of the circumstances and most likely cause of death.

Hogg indicates readiness to go ahead with cull

By Charles Bremner in Luxembourg
and Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

BRITAIN appeared last night to be shifting away from its refusal to start the selected cattle cull agreed at the European Union summit in Florence in June.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, spoke of the possibility of implementing the slaughter, estimated at about 150,000 animals, after trying to put Britain's case, along with four other British ministers, in Luxembourg yesterday. "We haven't ruled out the cull and it may take place," he said. First, it was necessary to deal with the backlog of cattle aged over 30 months.

His words appeared to reflect a shift from the Government's view last month that findings from Oxford scientists about "mad cow" disease, thought to be linked to a strain of the human brain disease CJD, made the slaughter unnecessary.

The EU has been adamant that an end to the beef ban could not be considered until the slaughter was implemented, a view repeated by ministers in Luxembourg yesterday.

Britain wants the EU to have the embargo lifted from certified herds which have had no contact with BSE-infected cattle. These are mostly in Northern Ireland and Scotland. The European Commission has been encouraging Britain to adopt a regional approach, and Ivan Yates, the Irish Farm Minister who chairs the EU agricultural council, said he thought the EU could accept a partial implementation of the selective cull in Northern Ireland.

But Britain is reluctant to accept a regional approach, which could provoke political trouble at home and set a bad precedent for the lifting of the overall ban. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, said the push for Scottish and Northern Ireland herds was "not based on a regional approach. It is based on a United Kingdom approach."

Beef producers in Scotland and Northern Ireland have suffered badly from the closure of export markets and say they could meet the conditions for easing the ban without difficulty, unlike most farmers elsewhere in Britain. Of the mainly grass-fed herds in Northern Ireland, 93 per cent have never had a case of BSE. In Scotland, at least 85 per cent are untainted by the disease. By contrast, nearly 60 per cent of herds in England have had at least one case of BSE.

Farmers in Scotland and Northern Ireland say they should be allowed to press ahead on their own with the cull, arguing that it would involve relatively few animals in their areas and is the only way to restart exports.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Holiday village is approved in court

A £100 million scheme to turn 430 acres of Lyminge Forest, near Hythe, Kent, into an environmental holiday village for up to 4,300 guests was approved in the High Court. Deputy Judge Nigel McLeod, QC, ruled that Oasis Park, to be built in an area of outstanding natural beauty, was properly given planning consent, in spite of objections. Objectors said the site dated from Roman times and was home to rare birds and insects. They are likely to appeal.

Boys arrested

Three boys have been detained by police hunting a gang who hurled a concrete block on to a car on the M3, seriously injuring Simon Wilmott, 23. The boys, aged 11, 14 and 15, were arrested at their homes and taken to Aldershot police station.

Lèse-majesté

Britannia Airways is to drop its "Royal Service" concept after research showed that the word royal "no longer has any positive connections". The charter airline, part of the Thomson group, will develop "a more muted, gentle and lighter feel".

Circus hopefuls

Acrobats and tumblers from across Europe descended on east London yesterday to audition for Cirque du Soleil, the Canadian circus which has secured a 12-year contract with Disney World, Florida. It hopes to recruit British talent for world tours.

Neil's new job

The former editor of *The Sunday Times*, Andrew Neil, 47, who was born in Paisley, has been named editor-in-chief of European Press Holdings, which owns *The European*, *The Scotsman*, *Scotland on Sunday* and the Edinburgh *Evening News*.

Police return

Two police officers who were dismissed after they failed to find the body of a woman in her overturned car have returned to their jobs. PC Robert McGhee and PC Shaun Timmons appealed to the Home Secretary after they were dismissed.

Home takes seat

The son of Lord Home of the Hirsel took his seat in the Lords yesterday as the 15th Earl of Home. The former David Douglas-Home, 42, is expected to take the Tory whip. His father, a former Conservative Prime Minister, died last year.

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Sweltering start to visit that renews four centuries of contacts between Thai and British monarchs

Queen welcomes shade of the royal parasol bearers

From Alan Hamilton in Bangkok

THE Queen began a state visit to the Keeper of the 24 Golden Umbrellas yesterday and was glad of the shade of six of them.

Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, she stepped from her chartered British Airways Boeing 767 at Bangkok airport into sweltering humidity and temperatures in the low 90s, protected only by a bright lime-green silk dress and matching hat. The Duke carried a panama hat.

As befits the world's longest-reigning monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand maintains a large court retinue and elaborate ritual, including a brigade of parasol wallahs. Their huge green canopies formed a protective tent over the monarchs as they met. The King, marking his golden jubilee, and the Queen, in the 45th year of her reign, greeted each other on equal terms with a handshake, and with the Duke giving the slightest nod of the head to Queen Sirikit.

The moment of high protocol was, however, imperfect. The aircraft had overshot its parking mark by a good 3ft, and there were two minutes of frantic readjustment to the steps and realigning of the red carpet before the Queen could set foot in a country she last visited in 1972, long before the Tiger economies of Asia were on the prowl.

The Queen and King Bhumibol exchanged lavish gifts in Bangkok yesterday. The Queen gave the King a sterling silver dish made by Stuart Devlin, Queen Sirikit received a Crown Derby tea service, and the couple also received an album of photographs from the Royal Collection. The Queen's gifts also included silver crystal claret jugs and an 1868 facsimile of an original Handel score of *Messiah*. The Thai Royal Family replied with a carving of trees and elephants, two bolts of green and blue silk, a silver water bowl of the type by Buddhist monks, and a silver and gold inlaid purse.

Queen and King, accompanied by two hefty parasol bearers, moved off to inspect a guard of honour, while the Duke and Queen Sirikit retired to the shade of a small temporary pavilion. As the national anthems were played, the shade brigade furled their parasols as though presenting arms, stood to attention and left Queen and King exposed to five minutes of relentless sun.

The royal party finally moved with its parasol outriders to the welcome shade of the terminal building as 40 Thai girls scattered rose and jasmin petals at the Queen's feet. She seemed greatly charmed. There was then a high-speed motorcade into the city in the King's fleet of yellow Rolls-Royces; roads were briefly closed to allow their passage. Bangkok's chaotic traffic suffered a particularly bad attack of arteriosclerosis.

At a downtown ceremony, the Queen received the golden key of the city. Another squad of parasol bearers was on duty; this time their umbrellas were blue. Thai officials tried to explain the arcane differences between state and municipal umbrellas, but the matter was too complex to be rewarded with long attention.

As the Queen drove on to the Boromabiman Palace, an ornate riot of traditional Thai Buddhist architecture where she is staying, she passed under several of the golden arches erected across main thoroughfares to mark King Bhumibol's jubilee, which gives the night-time city the appearance of Blackpool in the illuminations season.

Most of the Union flags lining the route appeared to have been replaced after a spate of thefts by the city's youth who suddenly decided they were desirable souvenirs.

At a state banquet at Chakri Palace last night, the Queen recalled that in the 1890s King Chulalongkorn had struck up a long and friendly correspondence with Queen Victoria and visited her at Osborne in 1897. After a subsequent visit to Edward VII in 1907, he noted that it must be pleasant to be a British King, "so long as one does not want to have too much of one's own way".

Contact in fact goes back much further, to 1612, when English merchants presented the King of Siam with a friendly letter from James I. In those days the English were after trade. They still are. Thailand has the fastest-growing economy of all the Asean nations.

The Queen said that the two countries must work even closer together to combat the menaces of drugs, terrorism and organised crime. The King, in reply, thanked her for doing the honour of visiting him twice in one reign.

The King and I: The Queen and King Bhumibol lead the way, followed by the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Sirikit and the parasol bearers

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Kizzie was described as weak-jawed and unaggressive

'Weedy' mongrel escapes pit-bull death sentence

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

A DOG that spent four years under threat of death after it was alleged to be a pit-bull terrier was freed by the High Court yesterday, having run up a bill of more than £12,000 for taxpayers.

The dog, called Kizzie, was ordered to be returned to its owner after two judges ruled that the destruction order issued by a stipendiary magistrate was an abuse of court powers. The owner, Jeanette Cragg, from Tottenham, north London, said: "I am angry that all this time and money has been spent trying to put to death a harmless animal."

Mrs Cragg, 58, had to pay the costs of experts who examined Kizzie to determine whether it was a pit-bull but the taxpayer will foot the kennel bill.

The animal was first seized in 1992 while being walked by a neighbour. A police expert decided it was a pit-bull but Kennel Club vets disagreed. Reports described Kizzie as "weedy" with a weak jaw and no signs of aggression.

Robin Allen, QC, for Mrs Cragg, said that her neighbour had been charged under the Dangerous Dogs Act with having a pit-bull terrier in a public place but the case was dropped.

Kizzie was released to Mrs Cragg in 1994 but taken into custody again when the Metropolitan Police began new proceedings under a different section of the Act. In March 1995 the police won the destruction order.

Mr Justice Maurice Kay, giving the judgment yesterday, said: "It was wholly inappropriate and wrong to take the second proceedings."

☐ A rector's wife has been ordered to keep proper control of her "friendly" nine-stone dog after an attack on an elderly parishioner who went to the rectory bearing a Christmas gift. Brigadier Edward Davies-Scourfield, 78, spent a week in hospital after being bitten by the Newfoundland dog, owned by Sally Nicholson-Smith of Medstead, Hampshire. Her husband, the Rev Terry Nicholson-Smith, told Basingstoke magistrates that they deeply regretted the brigadier's injuries.

Cab driver 'swerved into cyclist' after row

By Adrian Lee

A CYCLIST died when a taxi driver deliberately forced him off the road after a dispute, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Witnesses said they saw a black cab driven by Anthony Dickinson swerve violently to the left, causing Thomas Gedrich to lose control.

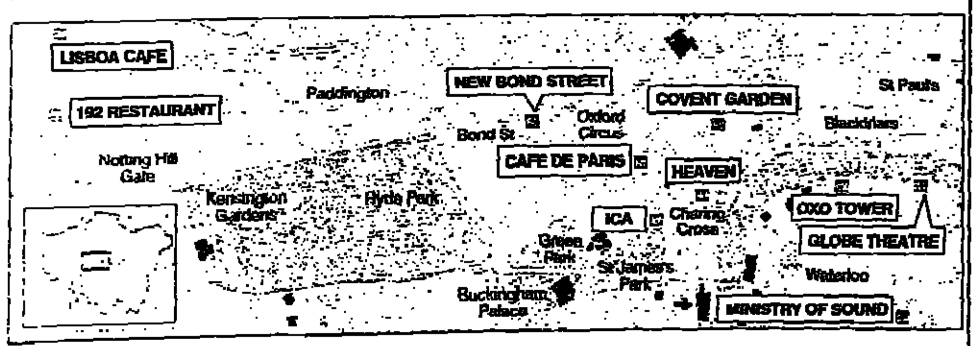
Stephen Holt, for the prosecution, said Mr Gedrich, 38, suffered fatal head injuries when he fell from his bicycle in Fulham, southwest London, on July 28 last year. Mr Dickinson, 36, sped away, he said. Mr Dickinson, from Wimbledon, denies causing death by dangerous driving.

Mr Holt said witnesses saw the pair arguing as they waited at traffic lights. They were speaking in raised voices but the reason for the dispute was not clear. The taxi and the cyclist eventually pulled away. Mr Holt said: "As they approached a zebra crossing the taxi suddenly and violently swerved to the left, causing the cyclist to lose control."

When Mr Dickinson was traced 24 hours later he admitted arguing with Mr Gedrich, from Islington, north London, but "emphatically denied" that he had deliberately swerved towards him. He accelerated to avoid further argument, unaware that the cyclist was injured. Mr Gedrich died in hospital soon afterwards.

Eduardo Grenell said: "Shouting attracted my attention. They drove off side by side for about 50 metres. They kept on shouting. The cab made a move towards the bike. They were both angry at each other. That is the reason I think he swerved. The taxi made no attempt to stop."

The trial continues.



London regains style crown

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Harvey Nichols restaurant in the Oxo Tower merit special mention.

London apparently knew it had really arrived two weeks ago when the fashion houses Givenchy and Dior decided to install the London designers Alexander McQueen and John Galliano as their top couturiers.

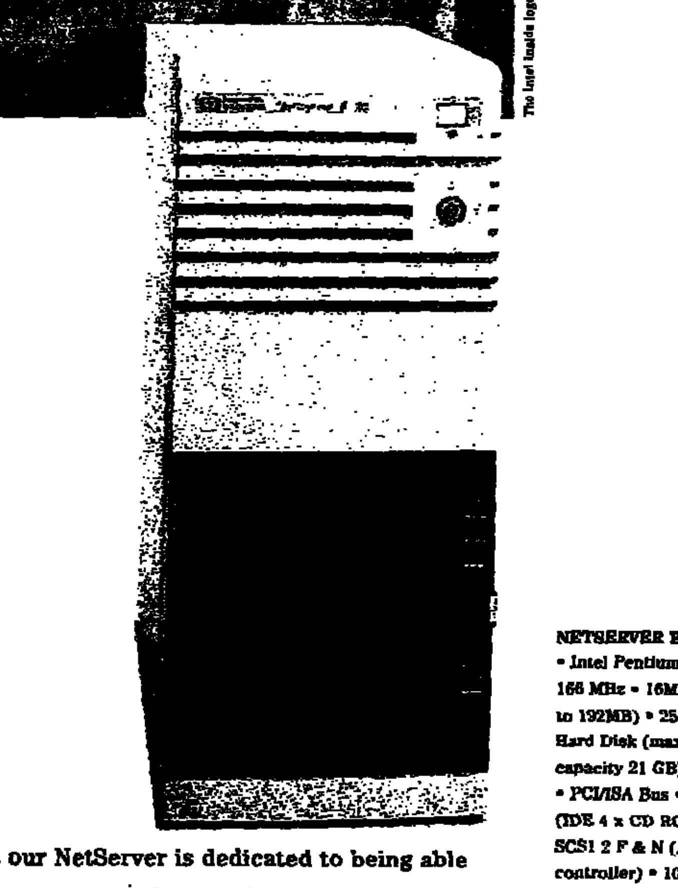
Rebecca Milton of the London Tourist Board said: "There is no doubt that London is booming again. When tourists inquire about coming to London they are not asking just about the famous landmarks but about the nightlife and the music scene as well."

Andy Pemberton, deputy editor of the dance and club magazine *Mixmag*, said the Ministry of Sound was not London's premier club. "If you want to be really cool you should head for the best jungle music clubs," he said.

Mr Lancaster, of *Eat Soup*, was unimpressed with *Newsweek's* choice of restaurants. "Apart from the Sugar Club most of the places they mention are pretty much old hat."

Mr Heath, senior editor at *The Face*, said of *Newsweek's* choice of fashion designers: "I would have mentioned half a dozen others."

Adding to London's status as the fashion capital, the leading fashion house Gucci announced yesterday that it had chosen Sloane Street in Knightsbridge to open its newest and largest store.



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Forum's statement on society's shared moral principles puts need for consensus first

Code for schools omits marriage from core values

By David Charter, Education Correspondent, and John O'Leary

EXPLICIT references to marriage in the proposed moral code for schools were omitted because of fears that they would hinder its acceptance.

The final report of the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community, seen by *The Times*, said its aim was to reflect the spiritual and moral values shared by "society as a whole".

It will be published on Friday by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, but Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, has already made clear that she wants more emphasis on marriage before it is sent out.

The forum considered aims and mission statements from 62 companies and schools before drawing up its own core values which children should learn. There are several references to the importance of the family, but marriage was not specifically promoted because "the forum had been set up ... to identify the prevailing consensus on these matters within our society". Members felt that they could only achieve this by using "overarching statements on what we stand for, rather than focusing on the application of values to life or the sources of authority for values, be they religious or cultural".

The statement of shared values for children to learn by heart, which is proposed in the areas of self, relationships, society and the environment, is followed by up to ten "principles for action" which are the ways youngsters can put theory into practice.

For example, actions arising from the shared values include "challenge values or actions which may be harmful to individuals or communities" and "obey the law and encourage others to do so" and "accept diversity and respect people's right to religious and cultural differences".

Marriage was not mentioned either in the main statement or the ten principles for action, which makes one mention of families: "We as a society should support families in raising children and caring for dependants." The lack of explicit reference to marriage led a dissenting group of five members to issue an additional statement.

Principles arising from values relating to self include "try to understand our own character, strengths and weaknesses", "try to discover meaning and purpose in life and how life ought to be lived" and "try to live up to a shared moral code". To promote values centred on relationships, "respect the dignity of all people", "work co-operatively with others" and "respect the beliefs, life, privacy and property of others".

Environmental values could be furthered if children undertook to "justify development in terms of a sustainable environment", "preserve balance and diversity in nature" and "repair habitats devastated by human development". The forum also drew up tables of the way attitudes to values could be developed through teaching the four key skills called for by the CBI from schools: communication, improving learning, problem solving and working with others.

The document had its roots in an initiative begun by Nick Tate, the chief executive of the authority, when he said last year that too many teenagers treated morality as a matter of individual taste and teachers should be prepared to tackle issues such as the breakdown of the family and crime.

A national conference and demands for "a new ten commandments" to be applied in schools followed. The conference recommended the establishment of the national forum whose proposals will be published on Friday.

The 150 members were chosen to represent particular points of view and to bring relevant skills. Split into ten groups, they came from the teaching profession, religious groups, teacher training, the law, the media, parents and governors, researchers, "the world of work", youth workers and others such as the Citizenship Foundation.

The job of distilling the recommendations into the proposals was carried out by Barbara Wintersgill, the authority's expert on moral and religious education, under the direction of Dr Tate.

STATEMENT OF SHARED VALUES

A statement of shared values for children to learn by heart is proposed in each of four areas: the self, relationships, society and the environment:

- **Self: "We value each person as a unique being of intrinsic worth, with potential for spiritual, moral, *intellectual and physical development and change.*"**
- **Relationships: "We value others for themselves, not for what they have or what they can do for us, and we value *these relationships as fundamental to our development and* the good of the community."**
- **Society: "We value truth, human rights, the law, justice and collective endeavour for the common good of society. In particular we value families as sources of love and support for all their members as the basis of a society where people care for others."**
- **Environment: "We value the natural world as a source of wonder and inspiration, and accept our duty to maintain a sustainable environment for the future."**

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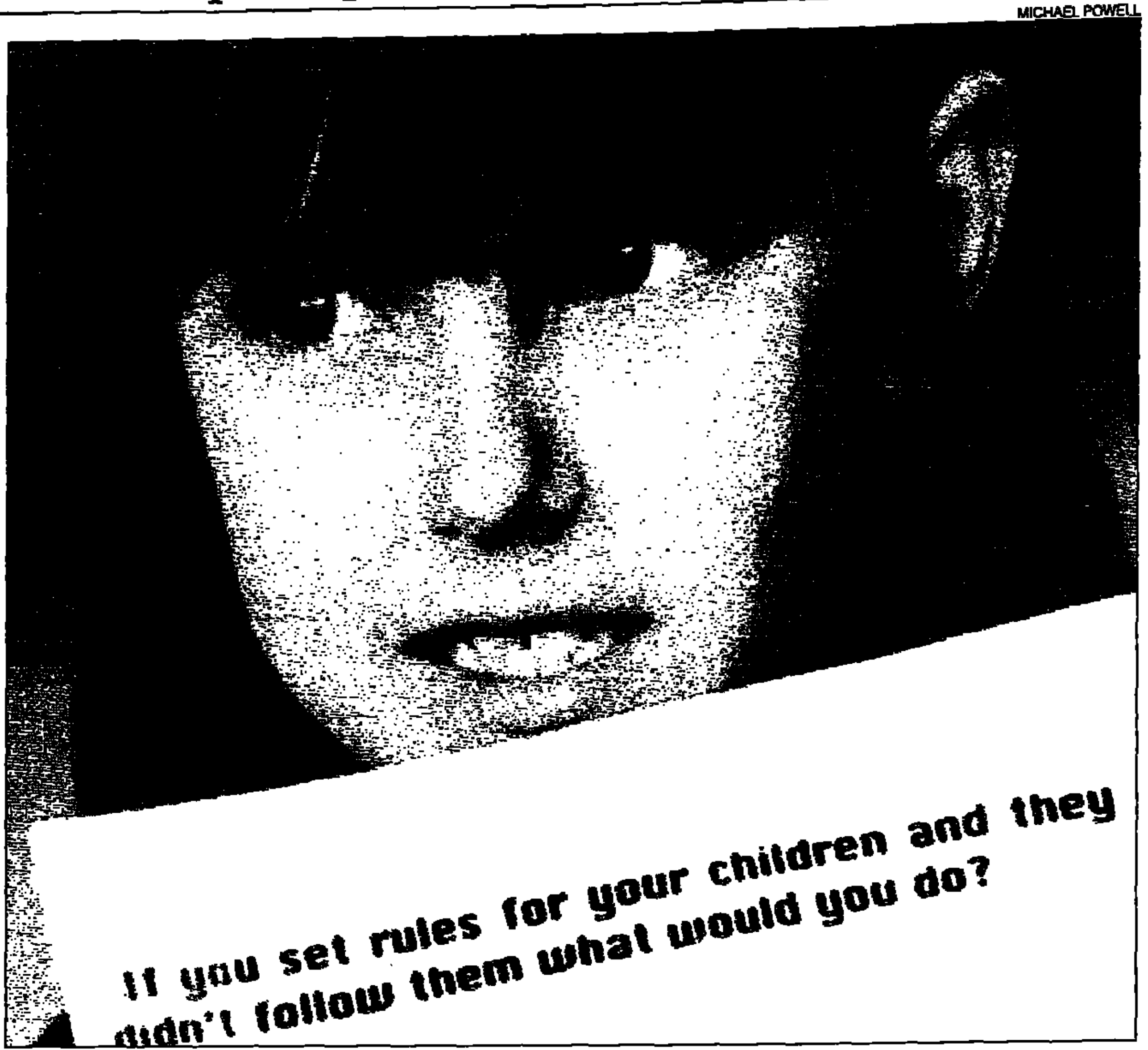
If you set rules for your children and they didn't follow them what would you do?

Stacey Mason, 7, with a card offering advice for parents. Children are urged to learn a statement of values by heart

Single parent leads dissenters who want to promote wedlock

By David Charter

A BREAKAWAY group opposing the proposed moral code for schools for failing to promote marriage is led by a single parent who brought up four children on his own.

Guy Hordern was invited on to the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community as a parent representative for his work as a magistrate and in helping to prepare a religious education curriculum for Birmingham schools.

Mr Hordern, a company director in his fifties, is the spokesman for the five forum members who refused to endorse the final draft disclosed by *The Times* today.

He said his experience as a single parent lay behind his view that the code should actively promote married life to children to reverse the growth of one-parent families in the next generation.

Mr Hordern single-handedly raised four children, now aged between 11 and 21, after the death of his wife, Helen, from cancer ten years ago.

This experience lay behind his view that it was vital to convince children of the value of a family created by a stable marriage. The five dissenters want an extra statement of values included alongside the four which children will be taught, relating to the self, relationships, society and the environment.

They proposed: "The family is the basic unit of social life and entering into a marriage and raising a family includes passing on spiritual, moral and cultural values. The home is the birthplace of these values and acts as an interface between self, others and the community."

It was expanded with principles for children "promote the value of heterosexual marriage" and "ensure children understand the need for sexual morality in life, the value of chastity before marriage and of faithfulness in marriage".

Guy Hordern: widower who raised four children

Mr Hordern, who described himself as a regular churchgoer, said: "It is a biological fact that you actually only do have two parents, one male and one female, and there really is no alternative family which is going to provide a child with what they need to thrive and flourish to have the best possible chance in life.

"I know the single parent track from the inside and I have spoken to hundreds of single parents. I don't think a single day goes past when from my experience and talking to others, one does not wish for either a wife, in my case, or a husband to share the responsibility of bringing up children. What single parents want is for another parent to be there.

"I think that not to be holding out marriage as an ideal is a fundamental betrayal of the next generation.

"I do not want to pull down single parents or to exclude them but to expose in a sensitive but realistic way the great shortcomings of bringing up children by a single parent".

The four other forum rebels are Parvez Butt, an executive member of the National Governors Council; Mike Tyler, another parent representative and a former governor of Worthing Sixth Form College, and two representatives of the National Association of Governors and Managers.

Mr Butt said yesterday: "My beliefs are very much in accord with Catholic as well as Methodist values. I am a Muslim, we are tolerant. We, the five of us, don't want to marginalise people."

He added: "Too many people have a tendency to be politically correct and I do not subscribe to that."

Town faces £7m bill for school it does not want

By Ian Murray

A LABOUR council may have pay £7 million to build a grammar school that it does not want. The High Court yesterday backed a Tory county council's decision to build the first grammar school in 30 years in Milton Keynes, even though councillors knew they were about to hand over to the Labour council.

The town, which becomes an all-purpose unitary authority next April, asked the court to cancel plans for the 1,000-place grammar school agreed by Buckinghamshire in May last year. The town council's two Tory, one independent, 30 Labour and 18 Liberal Democrat councillors unanimously opposed the scheme

In his judgment Mr Justice Ognall said he had every sympathy with the strong feelings in Milton Keynes. "The bulk of the money will have to be footed by them and they feel this doubly painfully because they are being required to do something which is against their sincerely held political beliefs," he said.

However, he accepted the county's argument that it had a duty to take policy decisions and could not allow a power vacuum to be created simply because it was due to hand over functions. The judge rejected a claim by a former Tory county councillor that soundings of public opinion had been no more than a sham. The judge said there was clear evidence that consultation had taken place.

The town is seeking a further judgment on legal points it hopes can invalidate the county's decision and, if that fails, it intends to take the case to appeal. Before the school is built Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, will have to give a formal go-ahead. She has decided not to review the situation until after the court proceedings.

The judgment came as grant-maintained schools urged the Government to think again over plans to make them more like grammar schools. The Education Bill, which is to be discussed in the Commons today, would allow grant-maintained schools to select up to half their pupils and council-controlled schools up to one fifth.

In a letter to the Education and Employment Department seen by *The Times*, the Association of Grant Maintained and Aided Schools dismissed the proposals as a "mish-mash" that would reduce parental choice. John Edwards, honorary secretary of the association, said the Bill would lead to a diminution of choice for many parents and unacceptably long journeys.

College that lured US students goes bust

By John O'Leary

A PRIVATE college exposed by *The Times* last year for recruiting overseas students who thought they were going to Oxford University has gone into liquidation with debts of tens of thousands of pounds.

Warnborough College, based at a country house outside Oxford, was established in 1973. Disputes over promotional material and facilities culminated in the withdrawal of American government support for its students. Forced to move into a church hall in June when 19th-century Yatscombe Hall was repossessed, the college closed entirely two months later, leaving only a Post Office number as a forwarding address.

The president and senior staff at the college, set up to allow American students "an Oxford tutorial experience", have disappeared, leaving a string of creditors. Hertford College, Oxford, for example, is owed more than £6,000 for student accommodation booked over the summer.

Another of the college's creditors has hired a private detective to track down Dr Brenden Tempest-Mogg, Warnborough's founder and former president. He and his brother, Daryl, have gone home to Australia to be with their elderly mother.

Last November 15 American students walked out of the college, claiming that they had been misled into believing that it was affiliated to the university. They are now suing the college for recovery of fees of more than £13,000 a year.

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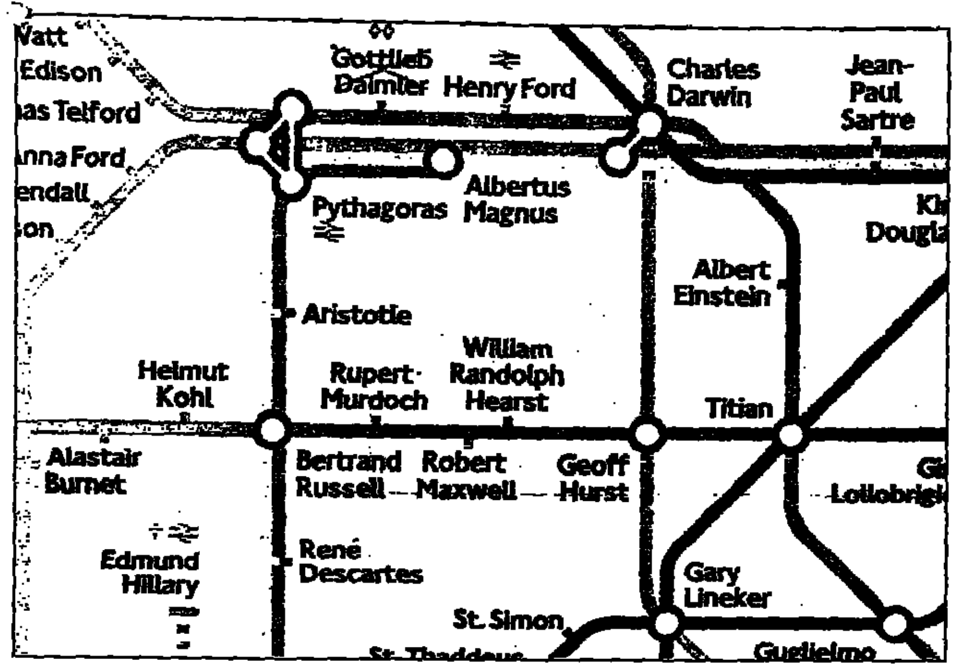
Let your mind freewheel, Tate Gallery tells visitors as works vying for £20,000 prize go on show



Simon Patterson's revised Underground map. A signwriter helped him to paint it

Turner contenders crave open mind as well as open eyes

Craigie Horsfield's photographs failed to grab the attention of one young visitor to the Tate yesterday. Photographs: Chris Harris

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE Tate Gallery urged visitors to keep an open mind yesterday as the work of the four Turner Prize contenders went on show, including a modified London Tube map and three yacht sails.

"Contemporary art is hard work," Simon Wilson, the curator of interpretation, said. "Let your mind freewheel. See what these things suggest to you. Up to a point, all readings are possible."

The curators sought to prompt some of those readings because the artists shortlisted for the £20,000 prize, Douglas Gordon, Craigie Horsfield, Gary Hume and Simon Patterson, are little known outside art circles. It was suggested that Gordon's short video showing close-up shots of two arms wrestling on a bed could be interpreted as Christ's hand being nailed to the cross.

Hume's portrait of the model Kate Moss with her face blanked out suggested to the curators that "her beauty was too much for him" to capture on canvas; the Underground map by Patterson, 34, which replaces station names with those of the likes of Tony Curtis, George Best, Aristotle and Guglielmo, was said to reflect the artist's fascination for information systems and diagrams. He had a signwriter to help him to paint it. London Underground refused to let him display it as a poster because they thought it would confuse travellers.

The Turner Prize is awarded to a British artist under 50 for an outstanding exhibition in the past year. Previous winners include Damien Hirst. This year's finalists were chosen by a jury from 74 nominations, some by members of the public.

Gordon, 29, produces work exploring perception: his exhibits include slowed-down clips from the 1930s film *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. Virginia Button, exhibition curator, said: "By slowing film down, he forces you to read the film in a different way."

Horsfield, 46, is showing some of the photographs he produced over a three-year period in Barcelona. Dr Button compared his shot of a packed dance-hall to a Brueghel crowd scene.

Mr Wilson found layers of meaning in the title of one of the works by Hume, 34. The study in green, called *Whistler*, hints at a female face. Mr Wilson said: "Hume plays on references to the artist of the same name."

Patterson's Tate display includes *Untitled*, a sculpture of three sails bearing the names and dates of literary figures. He sees the sails as the artist's blank canvas.

The winner will be announced on November 28 and the exhibition will run until January 12.

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Yardie gunman cleared of attempted murder after witness disappears

A YARDIE gunman was cleared yesterday of abducting a man and trying to murder him after the alleged victim fled rather than give evidence.

However, Ricardo "Rocky" Hinds will remain in prison because he was convicted and sentenced to life last month for murdering a cocaine dealer. Judge Hawkins, QC, sitting at the Old Bailey, ordered not-guilty verdicts to be entered against Jamaican-born Hinds, 26, from Dagenham, east London, and James Dixon, 22, from Handsworth, Birmingham.

The two had been accused of trying to kill Carl Spencer in Birmingham last Christmas Eve. Mr Spencer, 28, was taken from his home in Birmingham, driven to the Hill Top Golf Course in West Bromwich and shot in the back.

He was left for dead but a man walking his dog discovered him the next morning. After surgery Mr Spencer made a full recovery. He told the police that Hinds and Mr Dixon were the gunmen. He said they had wanted him dead after they fell out over a woman.

At the start of the trial yesterday, where the security included armed police guards, Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution, said that, in spite of extensive inquiries by West Midlands Police, Mr Spencer had not been found. The prosecution formally offered no evidence against Hinds and Mr Dixon.

Ordering the not-guilty verdicts, the judge also lifted a news blackout on Hinds's conviction last month for the gangland murder of Patrick Degler, a crack cocaine dealer. The trial was not reported in case the details prejudiced Hinds's second trial.

During the case the court was told that Degler, 28, died during a crack deal. Known among drug dealers as Dee or Brinks, Degler had travelled from Wolverhampton for the deal but he was double-crossed. Hinds and an accomplice who has not been traced tried to the rob Degler when they met on a stairwell off a north London street last January.

When Degler resisted they shot him through the heart with an Israeli .357 magnum Desert Eagle pistol.

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Tutor praises inspirational talents of Australian who was Oxford's leading try-scorer

University rugby star dies after match tackle

REPORTS BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT, AND DAVID HANDS

A TALENTED Oxford University rugby player has died in hospital, a day after being carried off the field with neck and head injuries.

Ian Tucker, a 23-year-old Australian who was expected to win a Blue against Cambridge in December, was injured in a tackle during a match against Saracens, the first division club, at Enfield on Saturday. His father was watching the game.

Mr Tucker was Oxford's leading try-scorer this season and had been a member of the Australian under-19 team. Steve Hill, Oxford University's director of rugby, said: "He was probably one of the most all-round characters I have met at his age. If I had 14 others like Tuck, Cambridge need not turn up at Twickenham."

It was the first fatality in the history of the university team, founded in 1869. Mr Tucker, a 5ft 11in, 14½ stone centre three-quarter, brought down a Saracens player four minutes from the end of Oxford's 33-3 defeat. He got up from among a maul of players but collapsed just before the final whistle.

He was given oxygen on the pitch and taken by ambulance to Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, from where he was transferred to the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in Bloomsbury. A spokeswoman said yesterday: "Sadly, he continued to deteriorate and he died at 7.15pm on Sunday."

Brian Morgan, administrative director of the university rugby club, said that the medical precautions taken by Saracens had been "faultless". There were two doctors and a St John Ambulance member present. Police said that they were satisfied that no criminal offence had occurred.

Mr Tucker, who was born in South Africa, was an economics graduate from Sydney University. He worked in banking for two years before being accepted by Keble College to read for a one-year diploma in social studies.

Dr Ian Archer, his personal tutor, said: "He struck me immediately with his extraordinarily positive commitment to life. He was someone determined to get the most out of Oxford, both as a sportsman and an academic. He was going to be an inspirational force on his fellow students and rugby team-mates.

"He was very charming and you could not help but instantly like him. He was a very committed player, and person, in whatever he did. His college thought very highly of him."

Mr Tucker's rugby ability attracted interest at Oxford last winter when he scored the winning try for Major Stanley's XV against the university. This season's fixture is scheduled for tomorrow at Iffley Road, the university's ground in Oxford. Mr Tucker's family asked for the game to go ahead, and a minute's silence will be observed. His mother is flying from Australia and a memorial service is planned at the college on Thursday.

Speaking of Mr Tucker's rugby ability, Mr Hill said: "He was an extremely fit and strong young man and came top of all our fitness tests before our pre-season tour of *Japan and Australia*.

"He was very strong in the tackle and so robust that he *often played like an extra* forward. The team is devastated and I imagine one or two of them will be questioning whether to continue playing."

Mike Scott, Saracens team *manager*, said: "The club expresses its heartfelt condolences to Ian Tucker's family."

The Scottish Rugby Football Union is considering a minute's silence before Australia's match against Scotland A at Galashiels tomorrow.

Ian Tucker: his father was watching the match at which he was fatally injured

Most dangerous of all sports has twice the injury toll of football

RUGBY union is the most dangerous of all sports *played in Britain*. Although deaths are comparatively rare, serious injuries are *more common at all levels of* the game than in any other sporting activity.

***During the 1995 World* Cup in which Max Brito, the Ivory Coast winger, was *paralysed for life, a study* was published in Britain which showed that rugby players were almost twice as likely to sustain injuries as footballers. The survey, commissioned by the Sports Council, *examined* a random sample of 28,000 people aged between 16 and 45. *It found that the most* dangerous sports per 1,000 participants were: rugby *union* 145, *football* 79, cricket 62, martial arts 61, badminton 36, squash 29, tennis 25, horse riding 22, running 18, weight-training 14, keep-fit 9, and swimming 8.**

However, only five players have died from accidents while playing rugby union in England since 1984. During *that period the rugby* authorities have become increasingly conscious of the *need to ensure greater safety* during play. Initially law changes came about because *of concern, mainly* from the Southern Hemisphere, over an increasing number of neck injuries caused by collapsing scrums. But as the game has gained exposure that concern has spread to all areas.

Claims assessors accused of exploiting accident victims

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ACCIDENT victims are the target of a new breed of "claims negotiator" who settle lucrative claims with insurance companies for large American-style contingency fees.

In some cases, the negotiators or assessors go into hospital wards, touting for potential claims, and persuade patients to sign over permission to handle the case. Bryan Neill, *a partner with Prince* Evans, a firm of solicitors in Uxbridge, west London, said: "We have experienced claims assessors going so far as to walk into spinal injury units and approach patients. In one case, when the patient said she wasn't interested, he pestered the person in the next bed and generally asked about to see if anyone else had had an accident."

The claims assessors — who can operate outside the rules that govern solicitors doing "no win, no fee" work — have alarmed the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. Today they are raising their concerns with Gary Streeter, junior *minister in the Lord Chancellor's* Department, and beginning a poster and leaflet campaign. Caroline *Harmer, the association's president,* said: "We are very concerned that accident victims, often as they lie in hospital or even in an ambulance, are prey to the unscrupulous."

The lawyers say that the claims assessors — who *may not* be legally qualified — are unregulated and unaccredited, and are employing the hard-sell marketing techniques which exploit the vulnerable. They advertise in hospitals, even in ambulances, and also *pick up* cases from insurance brokers, police or welfare agencies.

Those *claims assessors who are* not lawyers have no power to take cases to court or issue proceedings. The *danger, the lawyers maintain,* is that the settlements agreed may fall short of what the accident victims should obtain.

The firms advertise their work on a no win, no fee basis and, typically, take *one third or more of the* damages recouped. Solicitors can double their fees in no win, no fee cases. *But their "uplift" in fees* should not be more than 25 per cent of the total damages awarded to the accident *victim*.

A spokeswoman for the personal injury lawyers' association said the *firms could not arrange legal aid,* "and they cannot take aggressive insurers to court. They are more *interested in the rates of commission* for themselves than in the levels of damages for the victims."

In one case, *a man from* Sunderland agreed to give 30 per cent of his damages in a contingency fee agree*ment with a claims assessor.* He subsequently discovered that he qualified for legal aid.

But the claims assessors accuse solicitors of whingeing because they are losing a *share* of their market and *failing to use modern* marketing techniques to promote their services.

Claims Direct of Bournemouth, — not the same as Claims Direct, which promotes personal injuries work *on behalf of a national* network of solicitors — is one of the firms under attack by the lawyers. Nicholas Leigh, *the managing* director, said: "Almost 100 per cent of my clients are very satisfied. We use *the same awards guidelines as do* solicitors, and are hardly likely to undersettle when we have a direct *interest in the size of the settlement.*"

There was *nothing wrong,* he said, with making people aware of their rights and enabling *them* to bring a claim, adding that his firm did not approach patients in hospital. *He said that solicitors* sometimes ended up being paid both by the insurers and the victim.

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Patient was approached while lying paralysed in hospital bed

Gerard Mullins: was badly injured in car accident

BY FRANCES GIBB

GERARD MULLINS was lying in a spinal unit after a car accident which had left him quadriplegic when he was contacted by a claims assessor who wanted to handle his £1 million damages claim.

The assessor had been referred from Mr Mullins's motor insurance broker. He first wanted 15 per cent of any settlement in fees. Later, he reduced it to 7.5 per cent. Mr Mullins's mother signed the contract on his behalf. "I thought this was the only way to do it," he said. Two years later, Mr Mullins, who had been a driver of construction diggers, was frustrated at lack of progress. More than a year after the *defendant had pleaded guilty to causing* the accident, there had been no application for summary judgment, nor interim payment.

The Spinal Injuries Association told him that he should be seeing a *solicitor* and at that *point he discovered that he* qualified for legal aid. "When I raised this with the claims assessor, he told me I needed legal aid like a man in a desert needs a lifejacket."

The case *is now being handled by* Bryan Neill, of Prince Evans solicitors, west London. "Not only had Mr *Mullins not been advised that he* qualified for legal aid, the claims assessors had had to instruct solicitors *themselves to act for him, so court* proceedings could be commenced. But they did not point out that he could have taken this *step himself*."

Mr Neill said that, in cases where there were catastrophic injuries, the victim needed to be able to keep as much as possible of the damages. "In *the present case, assuming* damages of £1 million, the claims assessors would have intended to take over £88,000 — *7.5 per cent plus VAT and expenses* they might have incurred."

Now Mr Mullins is being sued by *the assessors for work done until he* sacked them. "It's pure luck we did not go all the way down the road with it — I would have been far worse off," *he* said. "At least now I have interim payments, which helps the situation."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Oasis to auction unwanted award

***Noel Gallagher* of Oasis is to auction his unwanted Ivor Novello songwriting award to raise *money for the* Swansea-based Christian Lewis Trust for children with cancer and their families. When Gallagher, 29, was named joint winner with Blur earlier this year he refused to pick up his award, saying it had been turned into a publicity stunt on the "manufactured rivalry" between the two bands. The telephone auction, on 0891 615477, will open tomorrow at 1pm and end at *1pm next Monday*.**

Teenagers killed

A girl and two friends died in a crash after she borrowed *her parents'* car. Nicola Rothwell, 18, was driving Sonia Twigg, 16, and her *boyfriend*, Daniel White, 15, at Hindley, near Wigan. Three other boys were hurt.

Ton-up driver

A driver with accumulated disqualifications of 99 years was banned for a further ten and jailed for six *months* at Chippenham, Wiltshire. John Ward, 53, of Woolwich, south London, was caught drink-driving on the M4.

£12m drug haul

Eleven people were arrested as cannabis worth £12 *million* was seized *from* the British-registered yacht *Fata Morgana*. Four men were held on the River Fal in Cornwall and others in Bristol, Cheltenham, Hull and London.

Cleaned out

Two lorries carrying 1,000 vacuum cleaners that were stolen from a transport depot in Ossett, near Leeds, at the weekend have been found in Wilmslow, Cheshire, without the vacuum cleaners, which were worth £217,000.

Children die

The bodies of a young *woman and her two children* were found *in a car at a house* in Borrowash, Derbyshire. Police said no one else was involved in the death of Diane Larmour, 28, Matthew, 5, and Rebecca, 4.

Top dog price

A sheepdog has been sold at auction in Sennybridge, Powys, for £2,600, beating the previous record price of £1,650. David Meredith, a farmer in Dolgellau, hopes to enter Mirk, a two-year-old, in sheepdog trials.

Epic canoe trip

Steve MacDonald, 24, the first blind man to canoe *around Britain, arrived in* London and said he planned to raise more money for *charity by cycling the length* of Africa. He set off on May 15 with a sighted co-paddler.

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Archer will present Bill to change law of succession

By Alice Thomson

JEFFREY ARCHER is to introduce a Bill in the House of Lords aimed at overturning the 11th century laws that give the son of a sovereign right of succession over an elder sister.

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare wants the eldest child to inherit the throne regardless of sex. Under his plans, if Prince Charles and his sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, were to die prematurely, the Princess Royal would succeed her mother instead of Prince Andrew.

Lord Archer can put down his Private Member's Bill whenever he wants and the peers will have a chance to debate the issue of succession at the second reading, even if they then reject it. He said he had decided to put down a Bill because he had been told that the Queen was interested in seeing a change to the law.

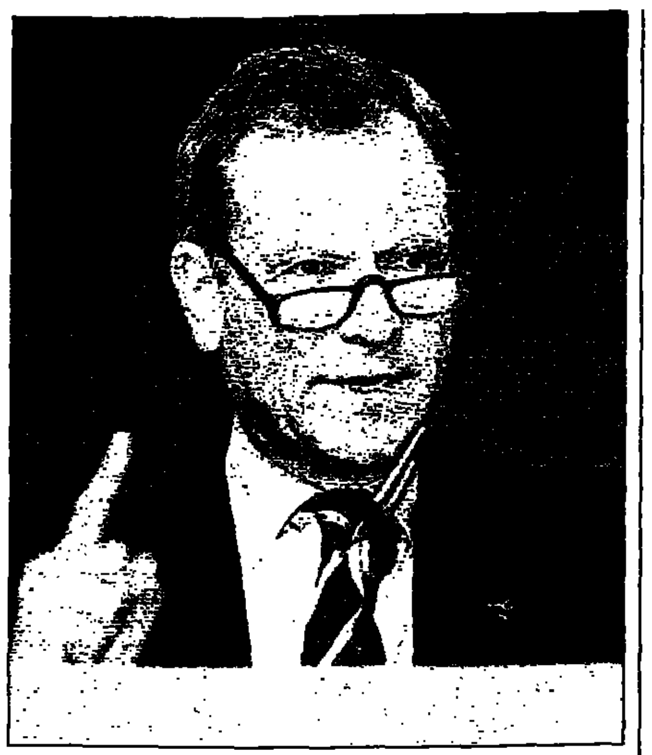
The Queen is understood to have discussed the idea when she met Buckingham Palace officials, government law experts and other members of the Royal Family this Summer at the twice-yearly planning meeting at Balmoral.

Yesterday Buckingham Palace officials said they had looked at changing the law of succession only in the long term and that the Queen had no knowledge of Lord Archer's proposals. They pointed out that any such constitutional change would not be put in the hands of a backbencher.

Vernon Bogdanor, Professor of Government at Oxford University, said that the "first come — first rule" succession policy would be very difficult to enact. The constitutional changes would have to be accepted not only by both Houses of Parliament, but also by the other Commonwealth countries of which the Queen is head of state.

Lord Archer said: "I have been thinking of doing this for a long time but was prompted to bring a Bill forward now because Her Majesty appears to want it. It won't look invidious because for the forseeable future all the eldest children are male. But it will bring the monarchy into the 21st century.

"Female monarchs have a very respectable track record. I have been sounding out my colleagues and they are quite positive and I think we would have the support of the country. This is not just pie-in-the-sky stuff. I am taking legal advice on how to draft the Bill and at least it will raise the issue."



Lord Archer: "At least it will raise the issue"

The most recent precedent was in Sweden, where the laws of succession were changed in 1980 to allow Crown Princess Victoria, the eldest child, to succeed King Carl Gustav.

Hereditary peers will find it difficult to debate the Bill without mentioning that they also rely on the rules of primogeniture. Two years ago the Labour peer Lord Diamond brought in a contentious Bill to allow the eldest daughters of hereditary peers to inherit their father's titles but the Lords rejected it.

The Government said it would look at the Bill on its merits. The Liberal Democrats would allow a free vote and Labour is now considering the issue.

Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea, has offered to try to take the Bill through the Commons. "The current system is a nonsense and an insult to the present Queen and to the fact that we had a woman Prime Minister. The sooner it is dealt with the better."

But Sir James Hill, honorary secretary of the Tory constitutional affairs committee, said: "I think the present system is entirely satisfactory."

Mellor urges Howard to ban all handguns

By James Landale and Arthur Leathley

GOVERNMENT plans for a ban on almost all handguns will lead to a huge increase in the number of .22 calibre weapons, David Mellor warned MPs last night.

The former Home Office Minister said that the Government was wrong to assume that the ban would cut the number of handguns in circulation from 160,000 to just 40,000. Handgun owners would use state compensation for the loss of their higher calibre weapons to buy more .22 pistols. "All you would be doing is getting rid of the 80 per cent of handguns for a bit," Mr Mellor said. "But you would be allowing the handgun culture to regroup around the .22."

Mr Mellor was speaking after calling on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, in the Commons to extend the planned ban to include all handguns. "These .22 weapons are extremely dangerous," he said. "They were responsible for the assassination of Robert Kennedy and Yitzhak Rabin, and the attempted assassination of Governor Wallace and President Reagan and that is why I hope the House will not underestimate the strength of public feeling on this issue."

He also called for MPs to be given a free vote when the Firearms Bill comes before the Commons. The Bill will be published later this week and is likely to come up for second reading within a few weeks.

"If the Government carries the day on this, it will be small comfort because the public themselves will actually think that this is wrong. It would be much better if we were all allowed to bring our own judgment to bear."

Mr Howard insisted that an absolute ban would force legitimate sportsmen underground. He said that the public would be adequately protected by the strict regulations because the small calibre handguns would be kept in secure clubs.

Mr Howard rejected Mr Mellor's call for a free vote. He said MPs should bear in mind the need to get the legislation on the statute book "as quickly as possible, so that may help the people of Dunblane to draw a line under the dreadful experiences to which they have been subjected".

Nicholas Budgen (C, Wolverhampton South West) asked how getting the Bill on to the statute book quickly was going to help the people of Dunblane. "It seems highly unlikely that such a horrible incident is likely to occur anywhere near the people of Dunblane in the forseeable future," he said.

Mr Howard said: "I know some MPs believe we should go further and ban all handguns completely. But I believe we can provide both protection for the public and allow target shooting with low calibre handguns, which has always been an Olympic sport, to continue in the security of clubs."

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, asked Mr Howard to think again. "The children of Dunblane could have been killed as easily and as swiftly with a .22 pistol as they were with a 9mm Browning," he said. "In our opinion and our judgment there has therefore to be a complete ban on all handguns in general civilian use."

John Carlisle (C, Luton North) accused Mr Howard of ignoring Lord Cullen's report and said even the planned ban had gone too far. "There is a large lobby of people out there, innocent people who enjoy the sport of shooting, who totally disagree with the line you have taken."

Edward Leigh, a former Tory minister, rounded on the Government for trying to rush through legislation in the final months of Parliament. "We may well be in danger of producing over hasty legislation which may not stand the test of time."

He pointed to the plan to ban most handguns as an example of ill-thought out legislation and said that MPs and ministers should have taken several weeks to study Lord Cullen's report into Dunblane. "We can't solve society's problems by bringing in fashionable legislation at the last moment trying to ban this and that."

Donald Dewar, page 16

Tory MPs warn against tax cuts

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

Clarke: urged to protect education

INFLUENTIAL Tory MPs are urging Kenneth Clarke to forget about tax cuts in next month's Budget and to concentrate instead on safeguarding spending on education.

MPs on the centre and left of the party believe that the funding of schools will be vital to Tory re-election chances. They are warning the Chancellor that the public will not be impressed by 1p or 2p off income tax if teachers are being dismissed or schools closed.

A senior Tory MP said: "Even John Major would not enjoy campaigning outside a primary school in Huntingdon if they have just sacked a teacher to balance the books."

There are indications that Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, are experiencing difficult negotiations with the Treasury in the Cabinet's public spending round. Mrs Shephard has launched a repeat of her fight last year when she won an extra 5 per cent, or £800 million, on top of her previously agreed Budget. Tory education experts are strongly backing her and saying that she will need as least as much this year to prevent difficulties for the party before the election.

The MPs' private campaign comes as a poll indicates that Tory voters are deeply sceptical about tax cuts. The poll of 1,000 voters commissioned by James Capel suggests that tax cuts are low on the agenda and are not the key to an improvement in the party's rating. An overwhelming majority — 78 per cent to 21 per cent — said they prefered spending increases to tax cuts.

When asked what the Chancellor should do with any money he feels able to give back — without the option of increasing spending — the panel of voters opted for a reduction in Government borrowing rather than lower personal or business taxes.

IN PARLIAMENT

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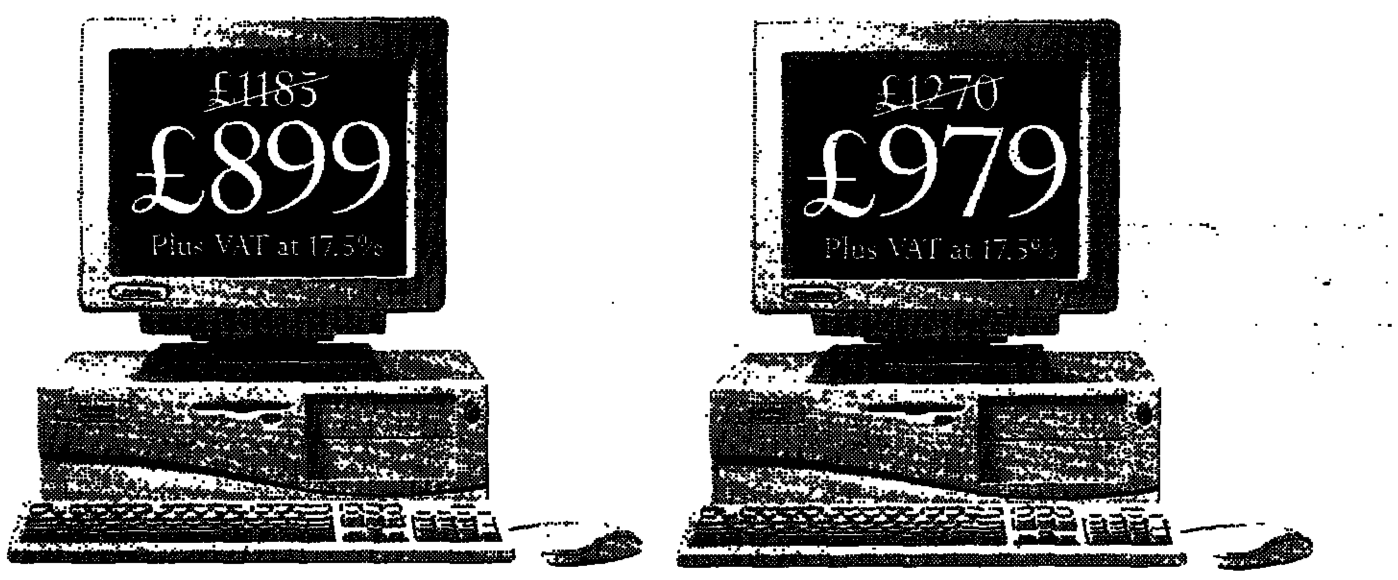

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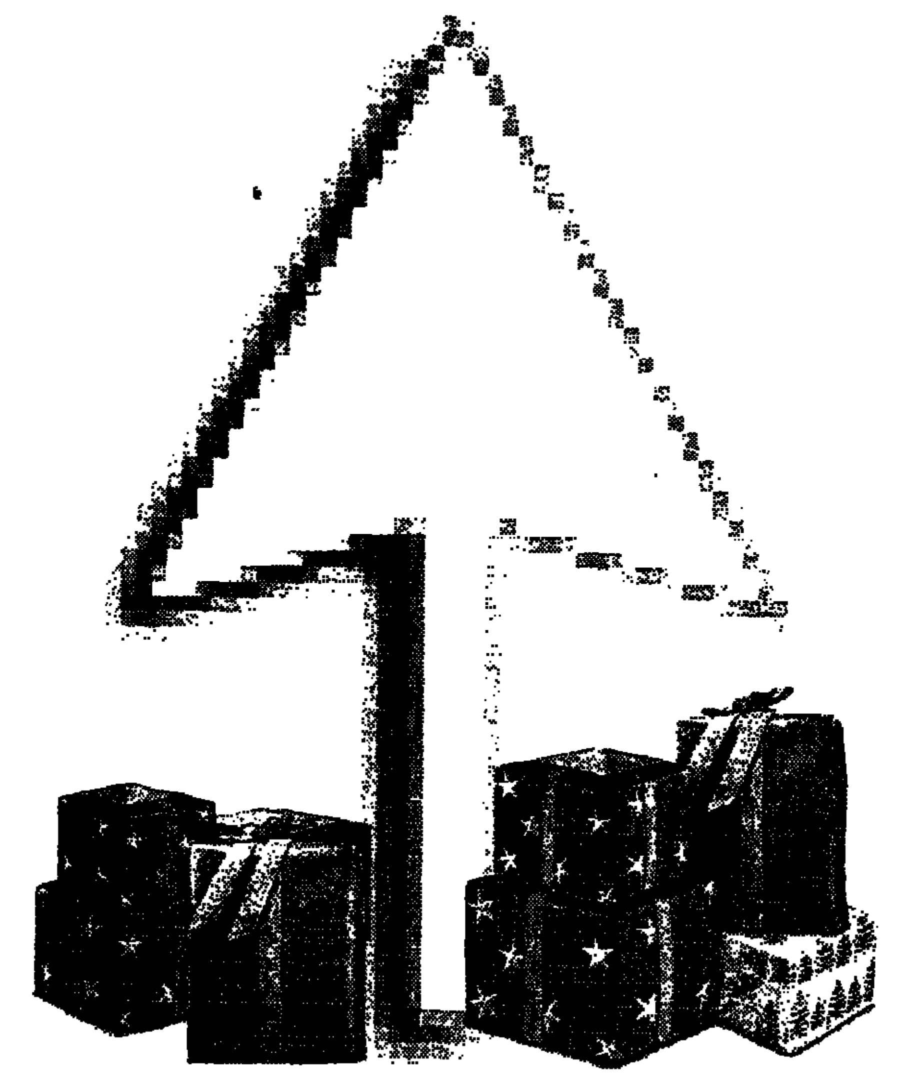

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Opera House dig reveals secrets of Saxon London

By Lin Jenkins

MUDDY excavations beneath the planned extension to the Royal Opera House have unearthed the hidden secrets of Lundenwic, the little known Saxon settlement.

The site, the largest and most important part of Saxon London ever examined, has revealed part of a town with a road, alleyways, houses, yards, workshops, drains and cesspits, complete with many artefacts covering 200 years from the mid-7th century.

A decade ago the precise location of Lundenwic, the most prosperous trading centre in northern Europe in its time, was unknown. Many thought it lay somewhere near the Roman settlement of Londinium, in the City. Remains were first found in 1985 in Covent Garden and later a gravel pit was discovered when the Sainsbury wing was built at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square.

More than 50,000 fragments of bone recovered from the new site suggest a diet rich in beef, mutton and pork. Goose was favoured above chicken, oysters were common and antlers were collected once shed from deer, rather than as a result of slaughter. The area appears to have concentrated on weaving, with a large number of loom weights recovered, although there is also evidence of smithing in the form of iron slag and hearths.

How the Strand may have looked in the 7th century: timber, wattle and daub buildings later burnt down

Archaeologists are two thirds through the scheduled 18-week dig before the developers move in and the site disappears beneath the buildings of another era. Taryn Dixon, head of operations at the Museum of London, which is excavating the site, said: "It has revealed information about the townscape, of buildings with a variety of functions, and has the ability to tell us something about the people of Saxon London."

She said that individual features were insubstantial since the buildings had been built of timber, wattle and daub, with beaten clay floors and thatched roofs. However, careful examination revealed shadows where walls once stood before the buildings burnt down, and 11 different surfaces on the road where it had been remetalled with gravel and pebbles.

"Where once there was a wooden plank you might now see a smudge or a shadow. It is very difficult to excavate, but it is the biggest piece of Lundenwic ever exposed, where before we have only had keyhole glimpses into it," she said. Precise dating of the artefacts will be carried out when the digging is complete. Parasite eggs found in the cesspits will also be examined for clues to the health of the inhabitants.

The discovery of a defensive ditch to the north of the site, dug in the 9th century when Lundenwic was thought to have been abandoned, suggests that the people might have been defending themselves from Viking raids before King Alfred insisted they seek the protection of the walled settlement in the City.

One of the most interesting single finds is a hoard of Northumbrian coins dating from the 840s. They would not have been legal currency so far south, prompting speculation that they might have come with Viking raiders, or with those fleeing them.

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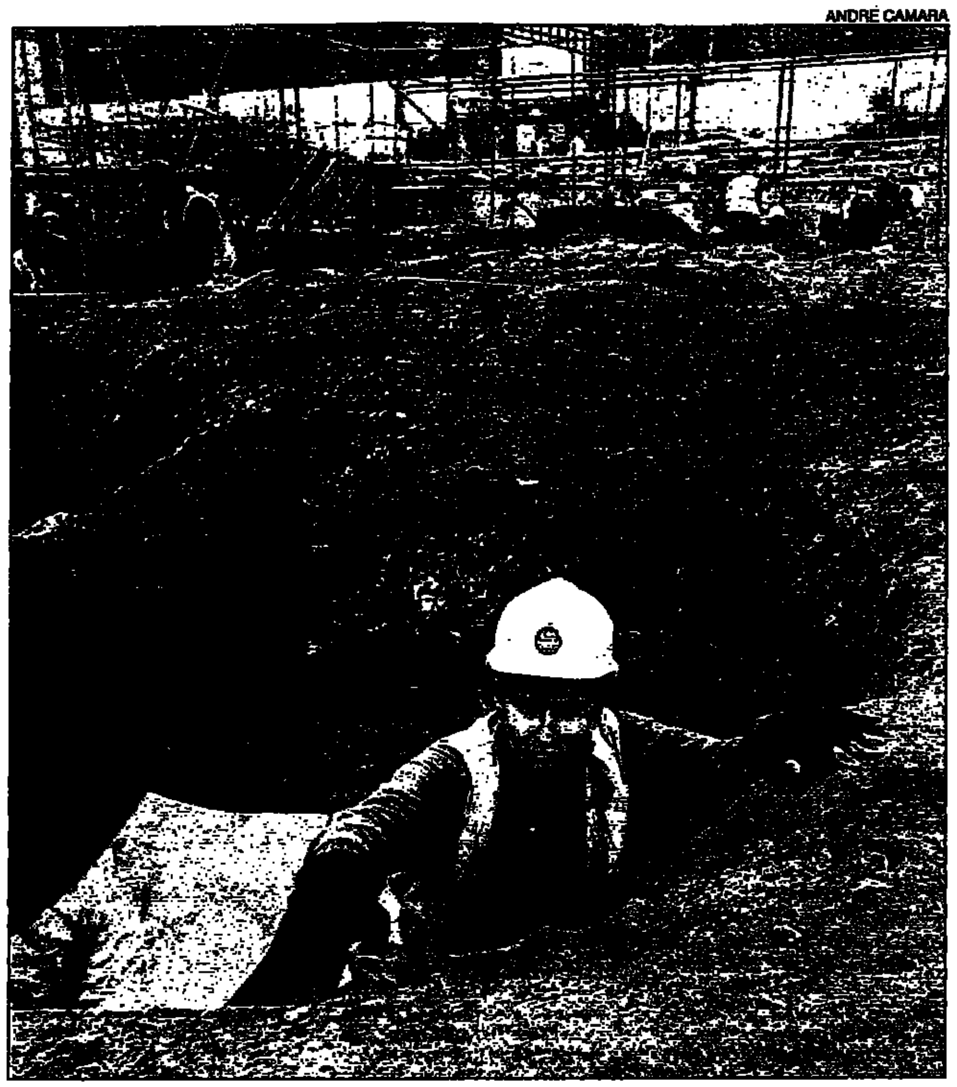
Archaeologist Hanne Rendall-Wooldridge scrapes through the mud which has revealed remains of a road, alleyways, houses and artefacts from Lundenwic

Howard rebuked on role of watchdog

By Valerie Elliott

MICHAEL HOWARD, the Home Secretary, has been rebuked by MPs for reducing the power of the Prisons Ombudsman to question ministerial decisions.

A Tory-dominated select committee today comes out in support of Sir Peter Woodhead and believes that he should be able to examine administrative decisions taken by Home Office ministers. The committee rejected arguments put forward by Richard Wilson, Permanent Secretary at the Home Office, that Parliament and the courts were appropriate checks on the actions of ministers. They also believe that he should be given "unfettered access" to papers relevant to his task.

This public backing follows a series of disputes between Sir Peter and Mr Howard about the new remit drawn up for the position. Sir Peter believed the new terms represented a significant change and threatened his independence and reputation as an impartial investigator.

Smokers can kick the habit with anti-depressants

MEDICAL BRIEFING

DESPITE a huge government campaign to educate people about the hazards of cigarette smoking it is still common among the young, and it is noticeable that even affluent young women are not persuaded by the medical arguments.

In depressed patients the desire for a smoke is not only particularly strong, but also persistent. Other smokers may derive pleasure from the ritual of smoking and the oral gratification a cigarette provides, but for the depressed the pharmacological action is the draw; nicotine seems to give a few moments of relief from the tension they feel.

Although nicotine has never previously been shown conclusively to be an anti-depressant, two large research projects within the past six years have studied the use of anti-depressants to help patients to give up the habit, and they have proved a useful aid in some cases.

Recent research reported in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology* has investigated the effects of nicotine as a form of treatment for patients who are suffering from major depression. The severity of the patient's depression was carefully assessed and the patients were given nicotine patches rather than cigarettes. The experiment confirmed that nicotine is an anti-depressant. For as long as the patients were wearing their skin patches, detailed psychological testing showed that their depression lifted to a greater or lesser extent.

Unfortunately, once the nicotine was discontinued the depression returned, whereas with anti-depressant drugs, if taken in adequate doses for long enough, there is a good chance that the mood may be lifted for some time. The nicotine patches had no long-term effect. The trial may well cast light on the reason a depressed and insecure adolescent smokes, for it shows that a cigarette is not only a useful prop to occupy the hands but that it also lifts the spirits.

Apart from this effect of tobacco smoking on depression, the slightly quicker thinking it induces, its beneficial effect on some inflammatory bowel conditions and a reported ability to delay the onset of some forms of Alzheimer's disease, all the medical news about smoking continues to be bad. Too many people of all ages still see the sole danger of smoking as lung cancer.

The lungs are not the only organs likely to suffer cancerous change in those who smoke; tobacco has a similar carcinogenic effect on the bladder and cervix, the oesophagus, mouth and larynx. In the formation of the oral and oesophageal cancers tobacco is particularly dangerous in those who are also heavy drinkers of alcohol.

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Yeltsin strips his ex-bodyguard of military duties

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

IN WHAT has become an extremely personal feud, President Yeltsin stripped his former bodyguard and close friend, Aleksandr Korzhakov, of all military duties yesterday in a decree issued from his hospital bed.

At the same time Mr Yeltsin cancelled all official meetings for this week because of what his spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said was final medical preparations for his heart bypass operation.

Mr Yastrzhembsky said the cancellations had been made on doctors' orders because the pre-operative work to prepare him for surgery was in its "final phase". He would not say whether this meant that the operation itself, which has been provisionally been set for November, would happen next week.

Mr Yastrzhembsky said that another presidential decree was required to strip General Korzhakov of his rank. The threat of this added humiliation is now being held over General Korzhakov as he plots a new political career in which he may be tempted to reveal more Kremlin secrets.

The order directed at General Korzhakov was phrased in unusually blunt language and signalled the culmination of a split between Mr Yeltsin and a man who used to be his closest confidant. It said that the former chief bodyguard was being sent into the reserves and would no longer be allowed on active service because he had made "numerous slanderous statements about the President and members of his family and disclosed official information".

Mr Yeltsin is said to have been especially enraged by a series of attacks on his daughter, Tatyana Dyachenko. Mrs Dyachenko played a leading role in the presidential campaign in the summer and is now an influential figure in the Kremlin.

She is a close associate of Anatoli Chubais, the new Kremlin chief of staff, who is an implacable political foe of General Korzhakov. The two of them are credited with persuading Mr Yeltsin to sack General Korzhakov on June 20 after the first round of the presidential election.

According to one Russian reporter, General Korzhakov was the source of a leak in *Komsomolskaya Pravda* alleging that Mrs Dyachenko's son, Boris, now at school in England, was illegitimate. He is also believed to have been behind a report in the fiercely nationalist opposition newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya* that disclosed widespread irregularities in the funding of the Yeltsin election campaign.

General Korzhakov has said he hopes to stand for parliament in the vacant constituency of Tula. But his plans have already suffered a setback with the dismissal from the Kremlin of General Aleksandr Lebed, the security chief, with whom he was forging an alliance.

It has been a spectacular change of fortune for the man who used to be at Mr Yeltsin's side day and night and was once reckoned to be one of the half-dozen most powerful men in Russia. At the height of his power Mr Korzhakov had the rank of both first aide to the President and federal minister, and as head of the Presidential Security Service commanded 12,000 men under arms and two divisions of tanks and artillery. The two men came together in 1985 when Mr Yeltsin was made head of the Moscow Communist Party and General Korzhakov, then a KGB officer of the 9th Directorate in charge of guarding public figures, was one of his bodyguards. He ensured his loyalty by following Mr Yeltsin into political exile and worked without pay for the future President for two years.

☐ **Chechnya visit:** Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, is expected to visit Chechnya "in the near future" for talks on the peace process and postwar reconstruction. The Interfax agency said Mr Chernomyrdin discussed his planned visit with Ivan Rybkin, Moscow's new envoy to Chechnya. *(Reuter)*

ALEKSANDR ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

Aleksandr Korzhakov, left, in the days when he was still President Yeltsin's right-hand man and confidant

Paris 'had talks with Corsican guerrillas'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A FUGITIVE Corsican separatist leader claimed yesterday that the French Government had held secret talks with nationalist guerrillas on the island and named five senior French officials who he said had acted as envoys.

François Santoni, the head of the Cuncolta Naziunalista party currently in hiding in southern Corsica, also told the *Est-Republicain* newspaper that the Government had stage-managed a bizarre show of force by the militants. A night-time rally of 600 masked and heavily armed Corsican guerrillas held last January to announce a truce was carried out at the Government's behest because it wanted to show French voters that the group was popular and a worthy negotiating partner, M Santoni said.

The Cuncolta Naziunalista is the legal front for the outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) — Historic Wing, the most extreme of Corsica's separatist groups. Yesterday the group claimed responsibility for 19 recent bombings on the island.

M Santoni's claims follow repeated French press reports alleging that the Government has conducted clandestine talks with the separatists in an effort to end 20 years of low-level violence.

The rally, which featured on the front page of almost every French newspaper, prompted widespread anger since it appeared to have been condoned by police and resulted in no arrests.

The Government issued an angry denial yesterday, describing M Santoni's claims as "grotesque lies by a terrorist". M Santoni went into hiding last week after a four-month conviction for illegally carrying a firearm.

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, pledged to crack down on Corsican terrorism this month after the bombing of his mayoral offices in Bordeaux. M Santoni's allegations that top-level officials have been negotiating with the outlawed FLNC were timed to cause maximum embarrassment to the Paris Government.

Bulgarian poll signals swing to Right

Voters are abandoning ex-Communists who fail to satisfy cravings for security from cradle to grave, **Roger Boyes** writes

Stoyanov: leading in presidential race

A STRONG showing by a conservative politician in the Bulgarian presidential elections at the weekend suggests that Central and Eastern European voters are beginning to reject their left-of-centre leaders.

The election commission in Sofia confirmed yesterday that Petar Stoyanov — a lawyer and member of the dissident-rooted Union of Democratic Forces — was 17 percentage points ahead of his former Communist rival and in pole position for the run-off next Sunday.

The upset comes hard on the heels of a thumping victory for Vytautus Landsbergis in Lithuania. The 64-year-old former music professor, who led the independence struggle in 1990-91, found himself ousted by a former Communist in 1992 but is now staging a comeback. His Homeland Union beat the former Communists into third place on October 20.

Politics in the post-Communist world thus seems to be entering a third cycle. First, the old Communist regimes were toppled by loose coalitions of nationalists, liberal dissidents and economic reformers. Once in power, these alliances started to crumble.

Communists, who had remodelled themselves into social democrats, remained the best organised and best financed politicians. The former Communists still dominate the political establishments of Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania as well as Bulgaria and Lithuania. Even in the Czech Republic, the pro-Thatcherite Government of Vaclav Klaus has become dependent on the parliamentary support of the Social Democrats.

But the Left was no more a monolithic force than the anti-Communist parties, and it has begun to crack in the face of huge social problems. Above all, the failure of left-wing Central European governments to solve the question of unemployment — a post-1989 novelty — has disappointed and angered voters.

The former Communists retained some popularity because they represented job security and an intact welfare state. But under their rule the gulf between the new rich and the new poor has grown wider and the former Communists are for the most part identified with the wealthy.

In Bulgaria, the break-up of the Left has been slow but distinct. If, as expected, Mr Stoyanov becomes the President of Bulgaria next week, it will be because even the reformed version of Communism has become synonymous with corruption. But for all his talk about the emerging "new majority" in the country, it is still unclear whether he can pull the country back from economic collapse.

No fewer than 14 banks have just been closed, and the need to escape poverty has driven 500,000 Bulgarians, of a population of 8.5 million, to consider emigration.

German opposition forces budget debate

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

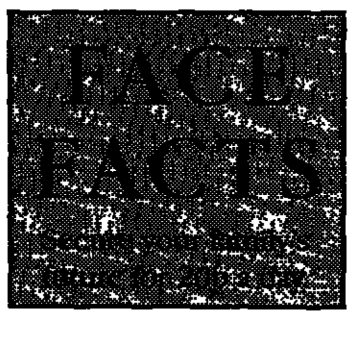
THE German governing coalition yesterday caved in to an opposition demand for an emergency debate on the country's ballooning budget crisis.

Cabinet ministers resisted calls for Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, who began a long Far Eastern tour yesterday, to return to Germany for parliamentary questioning tomorrow. But there was no mistaking the deep anxiety in government ranks.

The coalition of Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) is looking more brittle than at any time since 1982, when he toppled the Social Democratic Party (SDP) Government. The arguments are fierce, prompted by Germany's attempts to cut public spending and stay on course for European monetary union, and its pledge to slash taxes.

"The budget has to be balanced without a single tax increase," Wolfgang Gerhardt, the chairman of the FDP, emphasised yesterday. In an interview with *Der Spiegel* news magazine, he spelt out the intention of his party to abandon the Chancellor if taxes are raised. Yet there is strong pressure within the CDU at least to increase petrol tax.

In Indonesia yesterday, the Chancellor was receiving regular bulletins from Bonn in the manner of a consultant waiting to be called to the bedside of an ailing patient.



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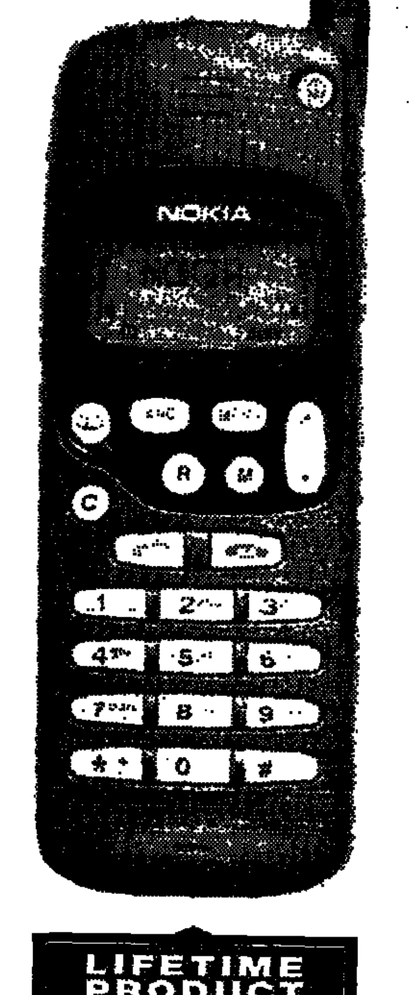

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook
TUESDAY OCTOBER 29 1996

Alliance investors stand to gain £1,000 each

White: expansion aim

By Caroline Merrell

INVESTORS in the *Alliance &* Leicester, the fourth biggest building society, stand to gain about £1,000 from the forthcoming flotation.

Plans to distribute 250 *shares to* each of its 2.4 million *members* were revealed in flotation plans announced yesterday. The society estimates that under the market conditions *prevailing at September* 30, the shares would have been worth between 385p and 435p, giving a market capitalisation of £2.8 billion.

The actual value of the shares will not be known until the society's expected flotation in the first half of next year. Members are being asked to vote on proposals by post by December 5 or in person at a special meeting to be held at the London Arena on December 10.

Peter White, group chief executive, *said:* "We *have* worked *hard* to identify and develop a share distribution scheme which is the fairest and most appropriate to our members."

He said he had decided against a variable share distribution scheme where the payout was based on the amount saved because many of Alliance & Leicester's members had small accounts containing only a few hundred pounds. Other societies that have been taken over, such as the National & Provincial and the Cheltenham & Gloucester, or which are floating, such as the Halifax, offered schemes based on the amount each member had in their accounts.

Mr White added that one of the biggest triggers in its plan to convert was the fact that the society had failed to take over the National & Provincial last year. Instead Abbey National took it over.

He added: "The Abbey was able to offer a much better deal because it could offer members shares." He said the society had also considered a merger with a mutual life insurer. Both Scottish Amicable and Friends Provident are believed *to* have held talks with the Alliance & Leicester.

Last year, the society *shut* about 50 branches and sold its loss-making estate agency operation. Mr White *said the society would* continue to look *at cutting* costs. At present, it employs 8,000 people, 5,000 less than it did when it took over Girobank in 1990.

Girobank contributes about 20 per cent to profits, which were £288 million in 1995, up from £284 million in the previous year. If the flotation goes ahead in April as planned, the society aims to expand either through acquisition or through organic growth. Mr White did not rule out taking over another society or a life insurance company.

The *society is* also *planning to* launch a general insurance subsidiary in partnership with Eagle Star next year.

Those eligible for the share bonanza will be savers who had an account with more than £100 in it at December 31, 1995, and at midnight on October 14, as well as borrowers who had a mortgage debt of £100 or more on both dates.

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FTSE 100	4025.3	(+2.9)
Yield	3.89%	
FTSE All share	1975.88	(+1.98)
Nikkei	20885.41	(+145.44)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6015.96	(+8.94)*
S&P Composite	702.14	(+1.22)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	n/a	(5⁵⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	99¹⁄₃₂*	(99³⁄₁₆)
Yield	6.83%*	(6.82%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	5²¹⁄₃₂%	(5²¹⁄₃₂%)
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$	1.6121	(1.6041)
DM	2.4508	(2.4436)
FFr	8.2757	(8.2501)
SFr	2.0317	(2.0247)
Yen	184.18	(181.88)
£ Index	89.6	(89.2)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.5176*	(1.5210)
FFr	5.1289*	(5.1380)
SFr	1.2580*	(1.2610)
Yen	114.13*	(113.40)
$ Index	97.5	(97.4)
Tokyo close Yen 113.85		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Jan)	$23.90	($23.50)
GOLD		
London close	$383.25	($382.85)

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US utility in hostile bid for Northern

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

AN AMERICAN utility launched a fresh onslaught on the British electricity industry yesterday with a £651 million hostile bid for Northern Electric and a dawn raid on the shares of the debt-laden company. If the bid by CE Electric succeeds, a third of the electricity industry will be in American control.

CE Electric, which is a partnership of the Nebraska companies CalEnergy and Peter Kiewit, broke with the previous US preference for agreed takeover bids when it mounted the hostile move and bought 12.7 per cent of Northern shares in early trading.

Northern, which became *highly geared in the process of* defending itself against a hostile approach from Trafalgar House, rejected the 630p-a-share offer as "quite unacceptable". It wants an offer of about £7 a share in order to thrash out a recommendation.

The two companies have been in talks for ten days but failed to agree a price for Northern, which is in the middle of a £500 million shareholder giveaway launched as a scorched earth defence against Trafalgar House.

David Morris, chairman of Northern, said CE Electric had tabled a proposal for a £7-a-share deal over the weekend that hinged on rigorous conditions. Although Mr Morris did not want the conditions, a board meeting was planned for yesterday. He said: "They are obviously working to a certain timeframe and didn't want to wait. But the price is quite unacceptable. It is at the bottom of a range they initially mentioned and doesn't reflect the value of the company."

CE Electric denies discussing an offer in the range of £7.

Northern is to bring forward its interim results, which had been set for December 5, in an effort to convince shareholders of its performance.

Yesterday it looked likely that CE Electric would have to improve its offer after Northern shares closed at 648p, up 128p on the day. David Sokol, chairman and chief executive of the US grouping, said the offer was based on Northern Electric's very visible value — referring to its large weighting of debt. The offer came after a report from BZW, Northern's broker, put a value of 484p on Northern under a worse-case scenario of a powerful windfall tax from a Labour government and a punishing distribution price review from the regulator in four years.

CE Electric said the BZW report illustrated the generosity of its offer. Northern Electric said it was a hypothetical picture under the worst circumstances and was designed to prove Northern's value.

The US move on Northern has raised fresh regulatory concerns in the Labour Party and fears for jobs among the unions. John Battle, Shadow Energy Minister, said: "If this bid is successful it will mean that four of the 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales will be owned by US-based corporations. Labour is not opposed in principle to foreign takeovers but it is essential that these companies do not move beyond the reach of the regulator when they are taken over."

Mike Jeram, head of energy at Unison, Britain's largest union, said: "Northern Electric has already lost 20 per cent of its workforce since privatisation and, once again, our members face the threat of further job losses."

C&W in Internet cable link

By George Sivell

CABLE and Wireless is to partner MFS Communications, a *provider* of communication services for business, in building and operating an advanced £315 *million transatlantic fibre optic telecommunications* cable. The new cable has been made necessary by the explosive growth in demand for multi-media and Internet services.

The new system is expected to be in service within 15 months, linking London and New York. It will be able to carry 125,000 *simultaneous* telephone conversations.

The oceanic survey programme is being completed by Cable and Wireless. The company will also operate the system in the UK. The American end of the link will be operated by MFS, which recently received a licence from the Federal Communications Commission. An application has been made to the FCC for Cable and Wireless to join in the project.

Stuart Le Gassick always wanted to be a fireman. Now he has got control of Merryweather, established in 1692

Merryweather fulfils childhood ambition

DRIVEN by a childhood desire to become a fireman, Stuart Le Gassick, has bought Merryweather, the world's oldest fire protection company for about £500,000 from Siebe-Gorman (Morag Preston writes).

Mr Le Gassick, 51, a property developer, plans to reestablish it as a leading British innovator, and float the company within five years.

The son of a London policeman, Mr Le Gassick was mesmerised by the bravery of fire-fighting heroes and pestered his father to buy models of Merryweather fire engines, but he never did get the toy fire engine of his dreams. For the past three years he has been trying to win control of Merryweather, based in Cheshire.

Merryweather, established in Greenwich in 1692, has not made fire engines for at least 15 years. It specialises in fire blankets, extinguishers, valves and fire hydrants, and boasts the Royal warrant for Sandringham Palace. Turnover has fallen from several million to £700,000 in the past year.

Mr Le Gassick wants the company, with its "history, prestige, and pedigree", to be worth at least £80 million within the next four years. "The company has been left to rot and decay," he said. "But lots of people recognise the name, and it's up to us to reinvent it."

Sales in the past fortnight, since the change in ownership, suggest that turnover will double in the first year, according to the new chairman. His team is busy chasing existing markets, that include Claridge's, the Lloyd's building, and Hong Kong airport. Merryweather products also fight fires in the Far East, Middle East, and India. Mr Le Gassick wants to introduce new technology, bring products up to date, and boost the number of employees at ground control in Hyde.

Four years ago Mr Le Gassick began building up a fire and security group, including Larkins Security in the South East.

Setback to home loans recovery

By Robert Miller

MONTHLY mortgage lending by British banks fell sharply in September, fuelling concerns that consumer confidence in the home loans market was heading for winter hibernation.

The British Bankers Association (BBA) said that gross lending by its members last month was 12 per cent lower, at £2.4 billion, against £2.8 billion in August. In the same month last year, there was a 5 per cent fall. The rise in net lending was also lower at £417 million, against £607 million in August, traditionally the quietest summer month.

New approvals also fell in September, down 3.1 per cent from 38,156 to 36,981, while the value of these deals fell by a *similar amount to* £2.1 *billion.* The average value of approvals was unchanged from August, at £56,800, some 10 per cent higher than the same period a year ago.

Tim Sweeney, director-general of the BBA, said: "The rise in the major banks' net mortgage lending in September was well below the recent monthly average. In the context of the housing market recovery this was unexpected, but it would be a mistake to read too much into a single month's figures."

Meanwhile, Nationwide Building Society's latest quarterly housing finance review says: "The depth of the recent recession means both prices and transactions remain well below trend and some element of 'rebound' from recent troughs is inevitable."

Double success for personal finance team

DES JENSON

Robert Miller and Anne Ashworth enjoyed success at the personal finance media awards

By Lindsay Cook

THE TIMES received the two most prestigious personal finance awards last night, when Anne Ashworth was presented with the Personal Finance National Newspaper of the Year Award and Robert Miller was named Personal Finance Journalist of the Year.

The double success came in the Bradford & Bingley Personal Finance Media Awards presented at the Savoy Hotel by Angela Knight MP, the Economic Secretary, and Christopher Rodrigues, the chief executive of the fifth-largest building society.

The Times was praised for its "comprehensive and highly readable Weekend Money section", which is edited by Anne Ashworth.

The judges said that the personal finance team produced "a reliable source of information, explanation and guidance in a format which makes you want to read on".

Robert Miller, who received a trophy and a cheque for £5,000, was praised for his "perceptive and accurate writing style and his knowledgeable handling of a range of financial issues".

Weekend Money, which appears on Saturdays in the business section of the newspaper has long been regarded as a market leader, first winning the national newspaper award in 1992.

The judges this year were Sue MacGregor, the broadcaster; Douglas French MP, the chairman of the all-party building society group, and Adrian Coles, director-general of the Building Societies Association.

The tenth Bradford & Bingley Building Society awards were the last ones to be attended by Geoff Lister, the society's vice-chairman, who as chief executive devised the awards to encourage and recognise excellence. He retires next year.

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Invesco in US talks as profits soar

Invesco, the fund management group, reported a 21 per cent rise in third-quarter income to £173.2 million over the same period last year. Pre-tax profits in the nine months to September 30 rose 41 per cent to £48.5 million, with earnings per share up 39 per cent at 4.6p. Merger talks between Invesco and AIM Management, a US mutual management company, are continuing.

LCR on track

London & Continental Railways, the consortium operating the Eurostar train service, has moved closer to a stock market flotation by appointing Richard Aitken-Davies as a director. Mr Aitken-Davies co-ordinated Railtrack's flotation. LCR hopes to float in 1998.

Allen builds

Allen, the building group, has paid £2.2 million to Try Group for the small plant hire and cabin hire businesses of its Vine Plant subsidiary. The acquisition will strengthen Allen's Speedy Hire Centres.

Boots

The interim results of Boots will be released on Thursday, November 7, and not Thursday, October 31 as stated yesterday.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.12	1.96
Austria Sch	18.22	16.72
Belgium Fr	53.40	49.10
Canada $	2.268	2.108
Cyprus Cyp£	0.778	0.723
Denmark Kr	9.96	9.16
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.25
France Fr	8.67	8.02
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	399	374
Hong Kong $	13.06	12.06
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.04	0.96
Israel Shk	5.51	4.86
Italy Lira	2556	2401
Japan Yen	197.10	181.10
Malta	0.619	0.564
Netherlds Gld	2.897	2.667
New Zealand $	2.43	2.21
Norway Kr	10.90	10.10
Portugal Esc	258.00	239.50
S Africa Rd	8.03	7.23
Spain Pta	212.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	11.23	10.43
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	155750	147750
USA $	1.706	1.576

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Taking it easier: Sir Graham Kirkham began share sales a year ago and his children have continued the operation

Stake sale lifts DFS shares 21p

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of DFS, the furniture company, jumped 21p to 558½p yesterday, as the 20 per cent stake of the company formerly belonging to the children of Sir Graham Kirkham, its founder and chief executive, was placed in a receptive market.

Market-makers said the placing had relieved an overhang since DFS first announced the sale with its full-year results two weeks ago.

Sir Graham's children have raised £116 million, after NatWest Wood Mackenzie placed 21 million of their shares at 553p each. The family still has the largest holding, at 10 per cent. Sir Graham raised 328p per share when he started to sell his family's 52 per cent stake last October, raising £74 million. The shares, up to 590p since, closed at 554p yesterday.

Decline of full-time work to continue, says forecast

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S employers will create virtually no new full-time jobs during the next ten years, according to new government-funded employment forecasts today. While the forecasts suggest that a continuing rise in part-time work and self-employment will add 1.5 million jobs, almost none will be full-time jobs with employers.

The forecasts indicate a continuing move in the UK labour market away from full-time employment — a shift that has greatly increased feelings of job insecurity at work. It is likely to be a significant factor in the coming general election.

Research work funded by the Department for Education and Employment and published today by Business Strategies, a regional economic consultancy with close links to the Treasury and the CBI, says that, of an estimated 1.5 million new jobs during the next ten years, about half will be part-time and half self-employment.

Full details of the work will be announced at a conference in London next month, but Business Strategies says today that, of the 770,000 jobs likely to be created during the next decade, almost all — about 725,000 — will be part-time.

With women dominating part-time employment, and a rise in women's share of self-employment from 25 per cent now to 27 per cent in 2006, the study says that "women will capture two thirds of the total growth in work", though it says too that most of the new jobs will be in areas such as bar work, child care and shopworking. More men will work part-time for employers, the study also says — up from 1.3 million now to 1.5 million.

Business leaders see growth in self-employment as a clear response to trends such as job-shedding. Dr Neil Blake, BS research director, says: "With employers creating almost no extra full-time jobs, 790,000 people will opt for self-employment between now and 2006.

This enterprise activity is a positive response to the downsizing, contracting-out and restructuring seen in many UK firms, which is by no means complete."

The BS report, *Occupations in the Future*, says that the fastest rise in employment will be for professional workers such as lawyers, accountants and doctors. The number of managers will increase by 400,000 to 4.6 million, while the largest increase in self-employment will be among new highly skilled workers such as designers or computer programmers.

The fastest decline in jobs will be among farm labourers and skilled engineering workers, and employment seems set to fall among secretarial and clerical staff and for production workers.

But Richard Holt, BS director, says that the extra jobs will do little to bring down registered unemployment, which the study says will fall only 131,000 net over the next ten years to 1.99 million.

CBI's two-tier shares plan derided

By Jason Nissé

A MEMBER of the Confederation of British Industry's smaller quoted companies working group has described the CBI's proposal to re-open the debate on non-voting shares as impracticable.

Katie Morris, the chief executive of Cisco, the small companies lobby group, said that she was not particularly comfortable with the proposal, which she said was a minority view of the group. She added: "For a practical point of view, institutional investors are simply not interested in non-voting shares. We did not think this suggestion was going to be practicable."

The suggestion, proposed by the 13-person committee, has met derision from institutions, which have long argued against two-tier share structures.

Roger Regan, investment director of the Association of British Insurers, said the association, which represents many of the UK's largest investors, put a code of practice in place in 1989 which opposed non-voting shares. "The problem with non-voting shares is that shareholders have no means of registering their dissent when a management may be failing to perform," said Mr Regan.

Pirc, the corporate governance consultant, has also registered its opposition to the proposal. Yesterday, institutions joined the protest. "An investor in ordinary shares is already in a weak position," said one fund manager.

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MasterChef deals are cooking

By Noel Fung

THE popular cooking programme MasterChef will soon be screened to viewers in the US, Australia and New Zealand as West 175 Enterprises, the Californian television producer that recently joined AIM, explores ways to cross-sell cooking programmes in different countries.

West 175, specialising in cookery and lifestyle programming, has signed up the format rights from Union Pictures Limited for the programme which is believed to draw 8 million viewers every Sunday afternoon.

West 175 has also sealed a screening and licensing deal with Carlton Communication's new food channel and has appointed J H Chapman Group, a US-based restaurant investment banker to find a multi-unit operator to develop Cucina Amore theme restaurants in the US.

Greycoat calls meeting

By Jason Nissé

GREYCOAT, the property company, is to hold an extraordinary shareholder meeting on November 14 to put proposals that it should sell its entire portfolio and liquidate the company.

The motion is being put by UK Active Value, the fund run by Brian Myerson and Julian Treger, the South African investors. It is the culmination of a long-running row between UKAV and Greycoat over the running of the group.

The two have also threatened to put forward a similar motion at Kenwood, the home appliance business. However, Kenwood said yesterday that it has heard nothing from UKAV since meeting its principals a fortnight ago.

UKAV has a stake of 9.2 percent in Kenwood and says that the company would fare better as part of a larger group.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TV groups dispute CIA media spending

YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES and three other television companies are suing CIA Group, the leading media buyer, in a dispute over advertising spending. Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, London Weekend Television, Granada and Border are seeking a total of nearly £1 million because of an alleged shortfall in spending by CIA's clients. The broadcasters say that CIA Medianetwork UK failed to meet an obligation to deliver a certain share of its clients' advertising spending.

Although the TV companies will honour existing airtime bookings, they are threatening to withdraw CIA's credit listing and agency commission payments unless the dispute is resolved by the end of the year. The broadcasters said they are fully committed to pursuing the legal action and are confident that is will succeed. Yorkshire-Tyne Tees claims to be owed £785,000, while LWT believes CIA should pay it £115,000. CIA disputes the shortfall in advertising spending.

USA Network dispute

SEAGRAM and Viacom have renewed their court battle over the division of USA Network, a $1.7 billion cable television joint venture, after negotiations over an out-of-court settlement collapsed over the weekend. The two sides, who want to dissolve their joint venture, disagreed over how to divide up the cable company. Viacom wants to buy out Seagram's MCA subsidiary, but MCA is reluctant to sell its main foothold in the US cable market. MCA is now suing Viacom, demanding that it should shut down cable stations that compete with USA Networks or sell its holding in the joint venture to MCA.

Addison to sue Gas

ADDISON, the design group, is suing British Gas over its use of the Goldfish branding for its newly launched credit card, the Goldfish. Addison claims that the British Gas Goldfish image infringes the trademark that its uses for its own company. The design consultancy has been using the Goldfish trademark since 1988. It is claiming compensation over use of the fish for the card, which is currently being marketed to the public via a £10 million advertising campaign. British Gas said it is happy that it has not infringed rules about the trademark and it will be contesting the case.

Rolls-Royce power deal

ROLLS-ROYCE, which is close to selling its steam generation business, yesterday sealed an order that could deliver £25 million worth of work for power station burners. International Combustion, Rolls-Royce's offshoot based in Derby, is to convert up to four coal-fired units at a Portuguese generator. Companhia Portuguesa de Producao de Electricidade has ordered conversion of one unit to make it a low-nox burner with options on three others. Conversion of the burners will more than halve the emission of nitrogen oxides by Sines power plant.

Castle goes shopping

CASTLE MARKET HOLDINGS, which is jointly owned by Jermyn Investment, yesterday purchased the Stillorgan Shopping Centre in Dublin from the Bank of Ireland Pension Fund for Ir£45 million. Stillorgan was the first purpose-built shopping centre in Dublin and currently produces annual rents of £3 million. Castle Market aims to extend the retailing area and to improve car parking facilities. Castle Market was formed in 1994 as a joint venture between Jermyn and Treasury Holdings to acquire a 14-strong portfolio from Irish Life for £46 million. Shares in Jermyn closed down 3p at 148p.

Autif 'pre-listed' plan

THE Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) has recommended that unit trust managers should include "pre-listed" equities within the 10 per cent limit for holdings of unlisted securities. Pre-listed stocks are companies that have announced plans to seek a stock market quotation within the next year. The Autif announcement yesterday follows concerns raised by the recent Morgan Grenfell affair over the numerous unlisted investments held in three of its European funds. The Autif code will be extended to the new-style open-ended investment companies due to be on sale from next spring.

Cathay Holdings slips

CATHAY INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, the Bermuda-controlled Chinese property company listed in London, saw pre-tax profits decrease 29 per cent to £1.69 million on turnover of £13.3 million (£12.7 million) in the six months to June 30 as competition intensified for its main Peking hotel, the Xiyuan. However, lower tax and minority interests left earnings of £357,000, or 0.13p per share, up from 0.07p a year ago. No ordinary dividend is paid because of inherited arrears of dividends on preference shares, which the company eventually hopes to redeem.

Hotelier in court

ROGER FARR, 44, an hotelier, appeared before Torbay magistrates in Devon yesterday in connection with an alleged £1.5 million timeshare fraud. Mr Farr, whose address was given as 3421 Gulfmead Drive, Sarasota, Florida, but also as care of the Heritage Hotel in Sheddon Hill, Torquay, is charged that between January 1, 1990, and May 9, 1995, in Torquay he was knowingly a party to the carrying on of a business, Advance Leisure (UK) Ltd, with intent to defraud creditors of the company, or creditors of any other person, contrary to Section 458 of the Companies Act 1985. He was remanded in custody for a week.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 13th November 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.

A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 24th October 1996
W R KALLAWAY, Director

Interdata UK Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I, Peter Phillips of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 9 October 1996 I was appointed Liquidator of Interdata UK Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 30 November 1996 to send in their full names, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter Phillips of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 23 October 1996
Peter Phillips, Liquidator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Swallow Hotel, South Normanton, Derbyshire on 4 November 1996 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

L K Denney of Deloitte & Touche, of 1 Woodborough Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FG, will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs, as they may reasonably require. Creditors requiring this information should contact in the first instance Richard Fogerty on extn. 43818.

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E S MERCER DIRECTOR

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Offer by Sunderland Limited for The Sunderland Association Football Club Limited

Notice to non-assenting shareholders pursuant to section 429(4) of the Companies Act 1985 as inserted by Schedule 12 to the Financial Services Act 1986.

A takeover offer (the "Offer") was made on 25 October 1996 by Sunderland Limited (the "Offeror") for all the issued ordinary shares of £1 each in The Sunderland Association Football Club Limited (the "Company"). The Offeror has within 4 months of making the Offer acquired or contracted to acquire not less than nine tenths in value of the shares of the Company to which the Offer relates. The Offeror gives notice that it now intends to exercise its rights under Section 429 of the Companies Act 1985 to acquire the ordinary shares held by you in the Company.

The terms of the Offer are:
For every one ordinary share 2 new ordinary shares in the Offeror.

Note: You are entitled under Section 430C of the Companies Act 1985 to make application to the court within 6 weeks of the date of this notice for an order either that the Offeror shall not be entitled and bound to acquire your ordinary shares or that different terms to those of the offer shall apply to the acquisition. If you are contemplating such an action you may wish to seek legal advice.

D C Stonehouse, Director,
Sunderland Limited
Dated 25 October 1996

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☐ CBI's plans will not find favour with investors ☐ Gallic pride to the fore at Thomson ☐ Deal beckons for Northern

The underclass of non-voters

☐ NON-VOTING shares are neither illegal, nor immoral, nor even especially fattening. They are merely unpopular — with shareholders, and with directors themselves. They have been gradually shuffled off the corporate stage in recent years as company after company has come to appreciate their disadvantages.

Now the Confederation of British Industry has suggested that smaller quoted companies should be encouraged to issue non-voting equity to avoid having management control being diluted by new investors. The City has reacted with outrage at the idea of creating an underclass of less powerful investors.

Both sides are overreacting. The CBI speaks for business, whose interests inevitably will not match those of investors. The paper concerned, on the future of smaller companies, has plenty to say against the mass of time-consuming bureaucracy that executives must live with. Fair enough; regulation is never popular with the regulated.

Non-voting shares are now very rare: slightly more common are split share structures that confer more voting rights on the holders of one class of shares, those held "inside" by incumbent management and/or family, than are granted to the majority of shareholders who hold the other class. Most have been swept away from within because they made it almost impossible to raise fresh capital.

The CBI has identified a real problem, the equity gap that faces the small entrepreneur trying to get a business off the ground. Debutantes on the stock market, especially if they are quite small, are in for a rude shock. For a start, there is widespread indifference to the arrival of a new tiddler in the pool. Few enjoy handing over their business to outside investors who will not cherish it as they do. The same is true of bringing in venture capital providers, because these too will want a stake — and the rates of return they want, and the day-to-day control they exercise, may be far more demanding than the needs of the stock market.

The City is being a little disingenuous in claiming that no one would buy non-voting or restricted voting shares, because the City will buy anything if the price is right and the risk is clearly labelled. No one is issuing new non-voters because the discount to the full share price would be so huge, or to put it another way, the cost of the dividend needed would be so high by comparison with the price of the new shares, that the fresh capital would be prohibitively expensive.

The difficulty is in managing the expectations of those entrepreneurs. It is no good dreaming up new and wonderful forms of equity for them, such as participating loans, various preference stocks, and so on, to square the circle. Better for all those involved, including the CBI, to accept that they cannot keep control and expect investors to run all the risk.

French folly and foreign investors

☐ IF A senior executive of Daewoo, the Korean conglomerate, was offering to invest £2.5 billion to create 5,000 British jobs, one suspects that ministers would take his arm off at the elbow. There would certainly be plenty of fat subsidies on offer.

In France, national pride counts for more than self-interest, it seems. The French Government is under pressure to abandon the sale of its state-owned consumer electronics firm, Thomson Multimedia, to a Daewoo subsidiary. Unions, opposition parties and industrialists have condemned the sale. There have been the usual Gallic strikes and demonstrations, and ministers are quietly touting around for a last-minute French-led bid.

Daewoo's offer is part of a package that will see Thomson CSF, the defence electronics business, sold to the Lagardère Group, owner of Matra Defence. The privatisation of Thomson was to end decades of ingrained protectionism, except that things have not quite worked out that way.

No one minds the creation of what will be known as Matra-Thomson because this is an all-French affair. Daewoo's proposals would mean that the Koreans taking on Fr4.8 billon of Thomson's debts, investing Fr13 billion and creating 9,000 jobs, more than half of them in France.

But with Thomson Multimedia, whose total debts run to Fr15 billion, due to receive a large slice of the Government's Fr11 billion recapitalisation of Thomson, there have been accusations that Daewoo is getting too sweet a package.

The only Gallic alternative on the table is from Alcatel, whose bid to take over the whole of Thomson was turned down. However, the French Finance Ministry has been at pains to stress that it has only expressed a "preference" for Lagardère and Daewoo, with the final decision to be taken by the independent Privatisation Commission within two months.

One option could be the sale of Thomson Multimedia to Alcatel, with Lagardère buying Thomson CSF as planned. Yet even the French Finance Ministry accepts that playing the patriotic card would look bad to other potential overseas investors.

Winning the day with politeness

☐ ONE hopes the American investors who have just restarted the utilities bidding wars have been properly briefed on the peculiar British practice of putting in a sighting shot and holding their proper and agreed offer until later. The signs are that they have. The Americans are being polite about Northern's management — more polite than some analysts, as it happens. This leaves the door open for an eventual kiss-and-make-up, not a course open in the Trafalgar House bid for Northern in 1994, where there was bad blood from day one.

They have been talking in private with Northern, allegedly at around the £7 level. Northern says this is a minimum, but in truth it is about what the company is worth, representing an earnings multiple of about 11.

Most of the good news from Northern is in the share price, in terms of cost-cutting to come, and the profits profile going forward is quite flat. The Americans clearly thought they could shave a few pence off the price, and who can blame them? Pitch the hostile preliminary at 630p and put in a final offer at somewhere south of seven quid.

This does run the risk of allowing a white knight to step in and bid, but Northern has languished unfancied as half the other regional power companies have been snapped up. The Americans must have thought it a risk worth running. This is not going to be a rerun of the "scorched earth" battle of Trafalgar, because the £540 million in special dividends that had to be paid out then mean there is no more earth left to scorch.

Beef beef

☐ BRITISH consumers searching vainly for beef from certified BSE-free herds at their local supermarket will be aghast at plans to secure EU permission to export only such prime Scotch or Ulster produce. Should the plans unexpectedly succeed, consumers could guarantee that little of the best beef would be on sale in Britain. But they might finally find a description they could trust: "export quality".

Investors take cash on death of Kepit

By Caroline Merrell

THE overwhelming majority of the 70,000 investors in the £500 million Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) have opted to take cash rather than roll their holdings over into unit trusts offered by Kleinwort Benson or M&G.

About 80 trust investors attended the meeting held yesterday in London to vote on its future. Other investors voted by post.

Ninety-nine per cent voted in favour of winding up the trust, 80 per cent opted for cash, while 20 per cent chose to reinvest in either the M&G European unit trust, or a unit trust offered by Kleinwort Benson that will follow the same theme as the investment trust.

Kleinwort Benson will be offering investors who opt for cash 106.4p per share — this compares with the 100p per share they paid when the trust was launched nearly three years ago. Ben Siddons, chairman of Kleinwort Benson's investment trust arm, said he did not think that liquidating many of the holdings in the trust would create any problems. He added: "We expected that the majority of investors would go for cash. It is a shame because the market for privatisations is picking up in Europe, there is a huge amount of interest in the Deutsche Telekom offer, for instance."

The winding-up vote is the final chapter in the troubled history of the fund. It initially attracted a huge number of investors, many of whom believed that European privatisations would follow the same pattern as UK privatisations. They thought that shares would move to an instant premium in the same way as most UK sell-offs. Unfortunately, the trust immediately moved to a big discount.

Pressure began to mount on the Kepit board to try to reduce the discount. The decision to wind up the trust came after a hostile bid from Touch Remnant's European Growth Trust (Treg) failed. A move that is beleived to have cost Treg £5 million.

Shane Ross, Kepit chairman, claimed the decision was a watershed in the history of investment trust management, and underlined the independence of the Kepit board.

UniChem restates bid attractions

By Alasdair Murray

Harris: confident

UNICHEM, the retail chemist company, told Lloyds Chemists' shareholders yesterday that its renewed offer provides the same long-term attractions as when it first bid for the company at the beginning of the year.

UniChem has made a new bid worth £658 million for Lloyds after gaining clearance from the DTI earlier this month. Both companies are still waiting to see if Gehe, the German retail chemist, will also re-enter the bid battle.

UniChem, whose chief executive is Jeffrey Harris, said it believes the combination of the two companies would create a market leader in healthcare retailing and distribution in the UK.

It added that it is well placed to deliver cost savings of more than £15 million in the first year, rising to £20 million and was confident that the acquisition would be earnings enhancing.

UniChem also restated its belief that the potential ending of resale price maintenance for over-the-counter branded medicines would be immaterial to the profitability of the company.

Food for thought on herb cures

THE EUROPEAN herbal medicine market is about to become subject to regulation, according to Richard Dixey, chief executive of Phytopharm, the herbal pharmacetical company (Fraser Nelson writes).

The exponential growth of herbal medicines imported into Western markets from the Far East has far outpaced the scope of existing measures aimed at the market, he says. While all herbal medicines are sold as food in the UK, Mr Dixey said many now have a direct effect on the body, making intervention by European regulators inevitable.

His comments came as the company reported a £565,000 pre-tax loss for the year to August 31, after a £190,000 profit last time. There is no dividend.

Emap dissidents ruled out of order

By Jason Nissé

THE two dissident board members at Emap, the media group, yesterday failed to have a motion to dismiss Sir John Hoskyns, the group's chairman, and Robin Miller, its chief executive, put to the company's shareholders.

A board meeting was called so that the company could convene an extraordinary shareholders' meeting to have Professor Ken Simmonds and Joe Cooke removed from the Emap board after a protracted boardroom row over corporate governance.

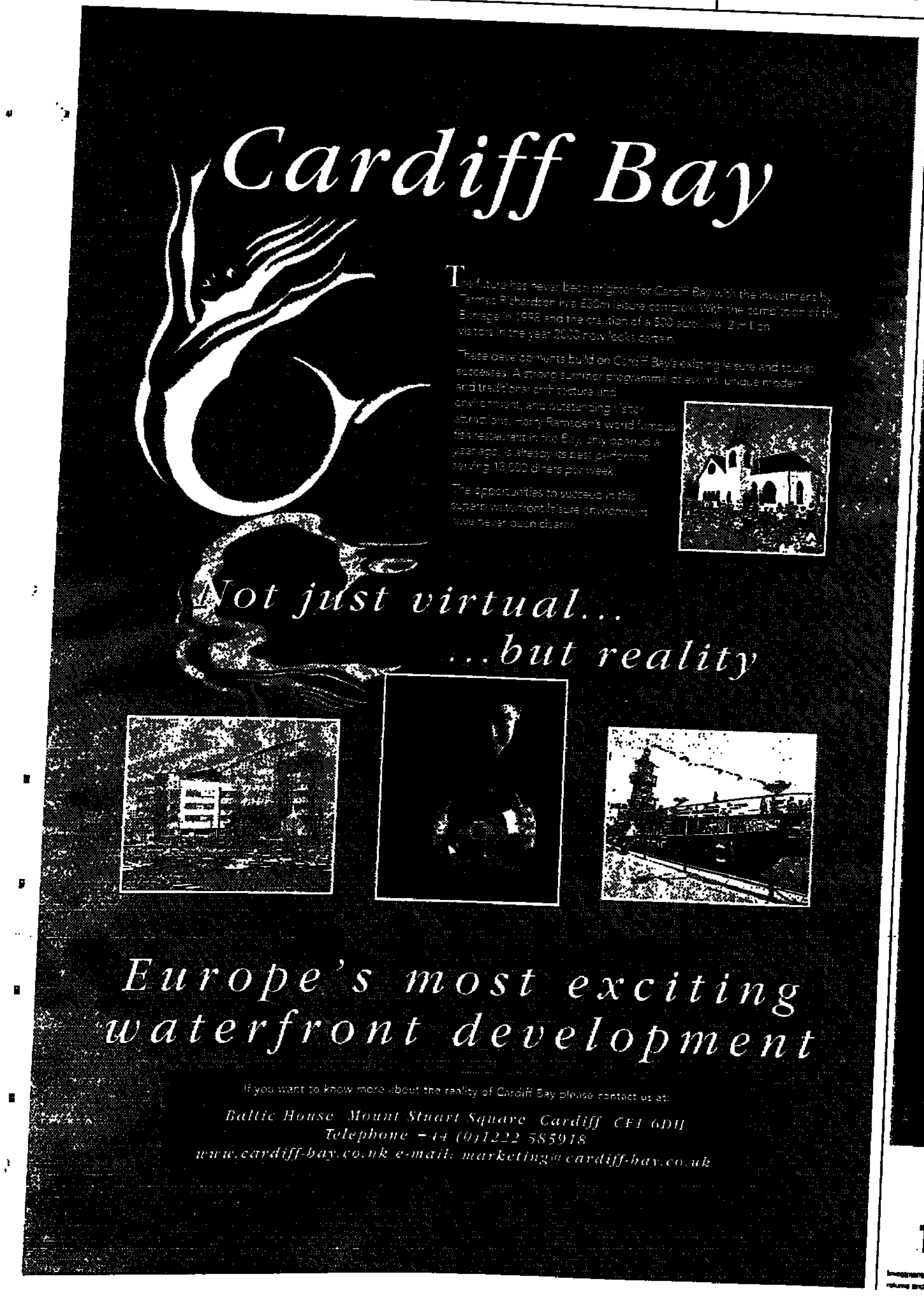
The EGM is expected to be held in early December and the only motions being put to it will be to remove Professor Simmonds and Mr Cooke.

However, at yesterday's meeting, which was conducted on a telephone conference call as Mr Cooke was out of the country, the dissident directors objected to both the way the EGM will be conducted and the motions being put forward.

They proposed that alternative motions be put, recommending the removal of both Sir John as chairman and Mr Miller as chief executive.

These were rejected by Emap's board, as was the suggestion that Sir John should not chair the EGM as he was biased and that another member of the board, who was not in dispute with Professor Simmonds and Mr Cooke, should take charge.

The dispute concerns proposals that would allow the Emap board to dismiss directors if three quarters of the board agree to do so. Suggestions that some of the executive directors of Emap have supported the dissidents have been rejected by Emap.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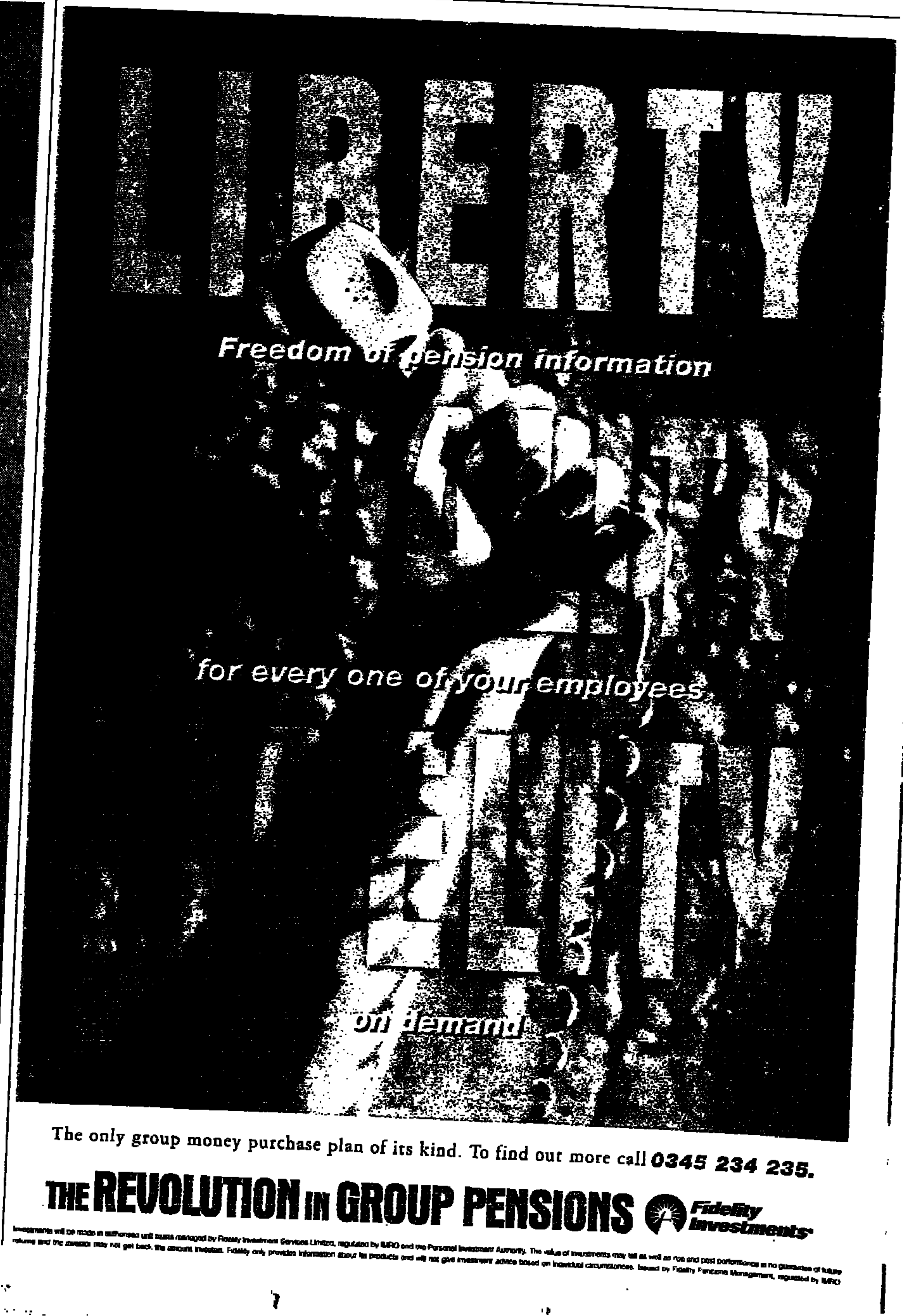

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Shares in Northern soar but rate fears dull mood

A FRESH bout of interest rate rise jitters left a subdued stock market struggling to hold on to earlier trading gains, despite the sparks created by the US bid for **Northern Electric** together with a confident opening on Wall Street.

Whispers that a rate rise could emerge from the next meeting between the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor helped to buoy sterling, but the FT-SE 100 ended just 2.9 points up in thin trade at 4,025.3.

Most of the action was reserved for FT-SE 250 shares, powered by a buzzing utilities sector. Nearly 22 million shares changed hands in Northern after news of a £651 million cash offer from US group CE Electric. Northern shares touched 655½p before closing at 648p, a rise of 128p. CE Electric snapped up 12.7 per cent of its shares at the offer price of 630p.

With the market expecting further bid activity, **London Electric** moved up 18½p to 608½p and **Southern Electricity** gained 17½p to 647½p. **East Midlands Electricity**, however, moved out of the bid spotlight and its shares fell back to 545½p, down 15p.

Among the other utilities **Thames Water** bubbled 7½p higher to 545p ahead of interim results due today. Analysts at NatWest Securities are looking for profits of around £185 millon with a dividend increased to 10.2p. **South West Water** recovered some of the ground lost last week immediately after the DTI blocked two takeover bids for the group. Its shares, helped by the company's promise of an increased dividend, moved up 20p to 595p.

Abbey National led the FT-SE 100 pack with a 16p rise to 636p, responding to a recent broker's recommendation, while **British Steel** added 4½p to 180½p, encouraged by a report on an improving European market.

Speculation over closer links between **GEC** and **British Aerospace** attracted interest. GEC moved up 7p to 378½p while BAe jumped nearly 2 per cent to £11.68½, up 22½p.

Drugs were in demand, led by **Zeneca**, which reports nine-month sales figures today. Its shares rose to a high for the year of £17.61 before closing at £17.50, up 11p. **British Biotech** continued its recent form, adding 4½p to 240½p. This week it presents findings from trials of Marimastat, its cancer drug. **Scotia Holdings** rose 15p to 580p while **Celltech** was up 20p to 465p.

Bank of Scotland rose 2½p to 285½p as the market pondered further on its link-up with J Sainsbury, which plans to offer banking services from 1997. Sainsbury reports interim figures tomorrow and ended unchanged at 361p.

Phytopharm, which floated in April, reported losses of £565,000 in the year to April, but news of progress in developing its Zemaphyte treatment for excema helped it to add 4½p to 175p.

Grampian TV leapt 22p to a record level of 292p, fuelled by speculation that **Scottish TV** has the group in its sights. Upbeat interim figures and a confident outlook for the full year also helped to boost the shares. STV fell back 21p to 732½p, while **HTV** eased 16p to 369½p.

Watson & Philip, the retail group which includes the Alldays convenience stores, fell sharply from 466p to 420½p after issuing a profits warning. Analysts trimmed their full-year forecasts to around £20 million.

Among other retailers **DFS**, the furniture stores group, moved up 16½p to 554p after the expected placing of around 21 million shares removed the stock overhang in the market. The shares were placed at 533p on behalf of the children of Sir Graham Kirkham, the founder. The family retains a 10 per stake in the group.

Body Shop moved 4p to 197p ahead of its results due on Thursday while **Boots** slid back to touch a low of 629p in reaction to reports that Marks & Spencers is to launch a range of over-the-counter medicines. Boots shares closed at 637½p, down 5p.

Kenwood Appliances gained 8½p to 250½p after reports that the UK Active Value Fund, which holds a 9 per cent stake, is to requisition an EGM in order to force the group to put itself up for sale.

Cable and Wireless continued to climb on appreciation of last week's multibillion pound cable company link-up. The shares added 10½p to 486½p, while **General Cable**, tipped as another merger candidate, added 4p to 207½p.

Impending legal action by four ITV companies against **CIA**, the media buying group, pulled its shares 17½p lower to 132½p.

EMI, the music group, continued to languish after the profits warning from Polygram, losing 11p to £12.21 before a later rally to £12.31½, while **Pearson** recovered early morning losses to gain 5½p to 738p.

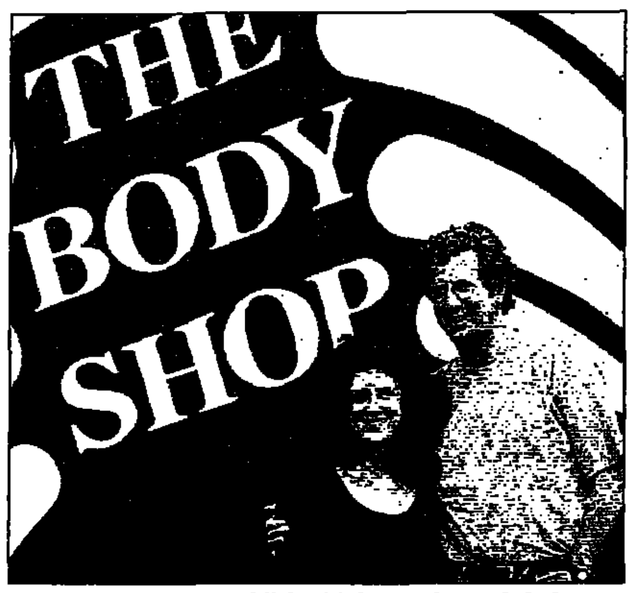
Shares in **Emap** also rallied after recent boardroom troubles and put on 13p to 709p, while buying interest in **Southnews**, the local newspaper group, pushed shares to a high of 416p, a gain of 28½p.

Huntleigh Technology gained 9p to 230p after announcing plans to move from the USM to the main market.

On AIM the **Old English Pub Company** was cheered 2p higher to 176p after reporting half-year profits ahead by 197 per cent to £811,000.

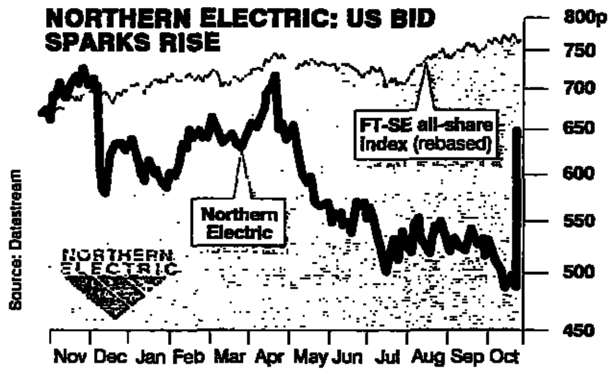
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Quiet trading was reported with just 29,000 contracts as the gilts market took a breather after last week's livelier action. Traders expect a quiet week ahead of US employment data due on Friday in the run-up to the Budget. The December series of the long gilt slid $^{12}/_{32}$ to £109$^{25}/_{32}$. In shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 dipped £$^{7}/_{32}$ to £103 $^{22}/_{32}$ while in longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 closed down £$^{13}/_{32}$ at £101 $^{11}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street were ahead at midday, with strength showing in energy and other selective stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average was 8.94 points higher at 6,015.96.



Anita and Gordon Roddick, chief executive and chairman of Body Shop, 4p stronger at 197p ahead of Thursday's results

Analysts at Lehman Brothers, the broker, have increased their earnings forecast for Stakis, the hotel and casino group. After recent encouraging trading figures, the broker has pencilled in earnings of 5.95p and pre-tax profits of £32.31 million.



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MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 6015.96 (+8.94)
S&P Composite 702.14 (+1.22)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 20885.41 (+145.44)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 12262.77 (-125.61)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 591.15 (+0.97)

Sydney:
AO 2334.1 (-1.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2703.83 (+29.61)

Singapore:
Straits 2067.85 (-9.35)

Brussels:
General 9968.98 (+4.13)

Paris:
CAC-40 2150.39 (-12.04)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 783.20 (-2.40)

London:
FT 30 2839.4 (+5.3)
FT 100 4025.3 (+2.9)
FTSE Mid 250 4443.1 (+11.6)
FTSE 350 2002.8 (+2.2)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 1775.01 (+8.43)
FT All-Share 1975.88 (+1.98)
FT Non Financials 2068.85 (+3.45)
FT Fixed Interest 115.56 (+0.06)
FT Govt Secs 94.14 (-0.13)
Bargains 43479
SEAQ Volume 641.4m
USM (Datastrm) 201.55 (-1.47)
US$ 1.6123 (+0.0085)
German Mark 2.4505 (+0.0066)
Exchange Index 89.6 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU n/a
£:SDR 1.1082
RPI 153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Beechcroft	4	...
Charles Taylor	161½	...
Deltron Electrn (150)	160½	...
Elec Retail Sys	170½	...
Eurasia Mining	305	...
Fitness First	90½	...
Geo Interactive (100)	103½	...
Hartstone 8% Cum	121	...
Healthcare Reform	99½	...
Imperial Tobacco	369½	- 2
Interoute Tele	165½	...
John David Sports	295	- 3½
Lavendon	155	- ½
Loftus Road (72)	74½	...
Lomond Under	130½	...
Mears Group	12	...
Oriental Resturnts	205½	...
Thistle Hotels (170)	170½	+ ½
Ultra Electronics	300	...
Victory Corp	55	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brooke Tool n/p (125)	6½	- ½
Cairn Energy n/p (360)	5½	...
Capital Inds n/p (175)	14½	...
Celsis Intl n/p (100)	5	...
Clyde Blwrs n/p (265)	20	...
Prism Rail n/p (240)	120	- 2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Porvair 267½p (+31p)
Grampian 292p (+22p)
Celltech 465p (+20p)
Vanguard 507½p (+20p)
Vickers 300p (+11½p)
Scotia 580p (+15p)
Abbey Ntl 636p (+16p)
Azlan 746p (+16p)
EMAP 709p (+13p)
Stand Chart 685½p (+9p)

FALLS:
Pet City 525p (-35p)
Broken Hill 826p (-25½p)
Blacks Leis 275½p (-7p)
Storehouse 287½p (-7p)
Danka Bs Sys 612½p (-10p)
Gencor 217p (-6p)
Reliance Sec 190p (-6p)
CRA 957p (-41½p)
Scot TV 732½p (-21p)

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TEMPUS

Spoiling the Alliance party

WITH the dark shadow of Halifax looming on the horizon, Alliance & Leicester is wise to get its flotation off the ground early and, it turns out, cheaply. Based on the indicative valuation range provided yesterday by its advisers, J P Morgan and Cazenove, Alliance shareholders will have a stake in a company worth between £2.3 billion and £2.6 billion.

That suggests the shares are valued at 1.5 to 1.6 times' shareholders' funds, a modest premium to book value when compared with average multiples of 2.3 times for the listed banks. But there are reasons for the lower rating attributed to Alliance and investors should not expect mammoth gains after the initial surge as funds build up their holdings.

For a building society, Alliance is a high-cost operator and the optimistic scenario envisages growth in the shares as the bank sheds large chunks of its workforce in a bid to shrink its high cost:income ratio of 64 per cent. At the same time the company has a highish level of tier-one capital and could gear up its business further, leaving the scope for some accelerated distributions to investors.

Unfortunately, Alliance has not been a particularly impressive performer of late. Half-year profits growth of 12 per cent was less than the banking sector and Girobank's profits actually fell in the first six months.

But the real obstacle facing Alliance is the Halifax flotation. Institutions will be holding back funds to build up their holdings later in the brand name that matters. Moreover, Alliance, unlike the Halifax, will be protected from takeover for five years, a security that will be of more benefit to the directors than the shareholders.

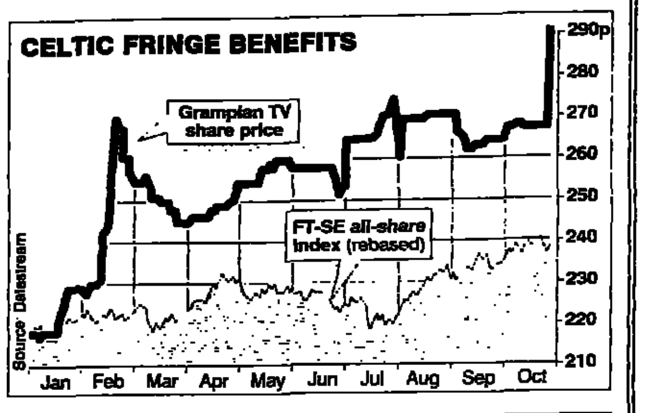
Grampian TV

THE STARTING pistol for another round of media consolidation will not be fired until Thursday, but the sector leaders are already jockeying for position. Few in the industry believe that small regional independent television companies have an independent future and many interpreted Scottish TV's sale of its stake in HTV as a first step towards launching a bid for its northern neighbour.

Grampian controls just 0.7 per cent of the UK market and is unlikely to be of interest to any of the leading UK media players. But for a medium sized company such as Scottish, a takeover could prove attractive, provided *that bid speculation does not* push the price too high.

Scottish and Grampian are already co-operating on an interactive television product, although Grampian has previously ruled out a merger. While the company insists it wants to remain independent, its contribution to the new Broadcasting Act had almost a defeatist tone, consisting simply of a series of measures designed to ensure that a physical presence was maintained in the northern Scotland area.

Yesterday's bounce in the shares was due mainly to the profitable sale of the loss-making Scot FM radio station. But Grampian has continued to increase advertising revenues at a rate ahead of the market. Bid speculation is unlikely to disappear and the shares have further to go.



Source: Datastream

Lloyd's corporate capital vehicles

THERE is still time to climb aboard a Lloyd's corporate capital vehicle and the reasons to do so have not changed since the late Matthew Harding sent his Benfield and Rea Investment Trust in pursuit of HCG.

There are 17 quoted vehicles in the £10 billion insurance market, but most are worth considerably less than £100 million. Combination, therefore, makes sense, purely on cost grounds, and investors should expect more bids and mergers.

But there are more subtle reasons why many Lloyd's companies, such as Hiscox and Wellington, may be worth much more than their stated book values. The arcane three-year accounting rules mean that the first dividends are only just coming up for companies that invested in 1994, but more interesting is the new Lloyd's auction system which is exposing latent value in the ownership of syndicate capacity.

Auctions are replacing the old nod-and-wink system with sealed bids priced at pence per pound of underwriting capacity. While corporate vehicles may be able to pick up underwriting capacity at auction from disillusioned names, the likelihood is that they will seek to speed up the process with bids for rival vehicles. In the meantime, investors can expect good dividends; yields could be as high as 12 per cent.

Kenwood

JUST as the South African fast bowler Allan Donald put the fear of god into English batsmen, so Brian Myerson and Julian Treger, the South African investors, have unsettled large swathes of British management. The tactics of their UK Active Value Fund are rarely subtle — the equivalent of few short-pitched deliveries followed by a yorker is a leak to the Sunday press and a requisition for a shareholder meeting.

The latest target is Kenwood, where UKAV has 9.2 per cent and is pressing for the company to be sold to someone like SEB of France, which owns Tefal and Rowenta, or the Italian group Merloni, whose brands include Ariston and Zanussi. Kenwood's reply is a possible link with Pifco, which hardly sets the pulse racing.

The trouble with Kenwood is that it lost its driving force when Tim Parker fled to C&J Clark, and the City doubts whether the management *knows where it is going*. Tim Beech, the current chief executive, is struggling to find the map.

However UKAV has other fish to fry — including Signet, Greycoat and Hogg Robinson. The South Africans are certainly active, but have yet to demonstrate value.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	929-928	Mar	1029-1027
Mar	957-956	May	1038 BID
May	976-975	Jul	1048 SLR
Jul	991-990	Sep	1065 SLR
Sep	1006-1004		
Dec	1016 BID		Volume: 5912

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1525-1522	Jul	1319-1310
Jan	1394-1392	Sep	1320-1308
Mar	1334-1330	Nov	1320-1310
May	1316-1311		Volume: 2320

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	316.3-15.4
Spot: 325.9		Oct	309.7-08.8
Dec	317.1-16.8	Dec	312.4-11.5
Mar	313.8-13.5	Mar	314.5-12.0
May	313.8-13.5		Volume: 1289

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	96.30	121.54	99.40
(+/-)	+1.75	+5.18	+1.18
Eng/Wales.	96.30	121.63	91.35
(+/-)	+1.75	+5.44	+0.94
(%)	+6.0	-10.0	-1.0
Scotland:	unq	120.82	100.46
(+/-)	—	+3.03	+5.02
(%)	—	-6.0	-34.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	24.35	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Dec)	24.45	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Jan)	23.90	+0.55
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	25.25	+0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	24.70	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	234 (-1)	236 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	227 (-2)	228 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	118 (+1)	120 (+1)
Naphtha	220 (-2)	222 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	226.75 BID	Feb	211.25-11.50
Dec	221.75-22.00	Mar	203.75-04.25
Jan	217.25-17.50		Vol: 12831

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	24.45-24.48	Mar	22.60 SLR
Jan	23.88-23.90	Apr	22.00 SLR
Feb	23.22-23.26		Vol: 23855

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	97.45	Nov	93.75
Jan	99.40	Jan	95.00
Mar	100.40	Mar	96.50
May	101.75	May	98.00
Jul	103.25	Sep	93.00
Volume: 336		Volume: 69	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	32.50
Mar	—	69.30
Apr	69.5	71.30
		Volume: 94

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 82.25-82.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1360	1335	1355
Dec 96	1322	1310	1318
Jan 97	1310	1280	1309
Apr 97	1310	1310	1320

Vol: 177 lots Open interest: 4467
Index 1268 +12

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2066.0-2067.0	2030.1-2031.1	Vol: 1550925
Lead ($/tonne)	733.00-733.50	740.00-741.00	260425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1028.0-1029.0	1053.0-1053.5	605875
Tin ($/tonne)	5950.0-5960.0	6005.0-6015.0	20165
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1398.0-1399.0	1426.5-1427.0	2885125
Nickel ($/tonne)	7235.0-7240.0	7360.0-7365.0	55404

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom	460	24	31	36	16	21	28
(*473)	500	8	14	19	43	45	52
ASDA	110	8	10	12	2	4	6
(*114)	120	3	5	8	8	9	10
Boots	600	44	59	67	6	12	20
(*638)	650	15	29	38	27	34	43
Br Airways	550	34	46	54	13	20	27
(*569)	600	12	22	30	40	46	53
BP	650	37	50	58	17	24	31
(*667)	700	17	26	35	44	51	57
Br Steel	180	7	12	15	8	10	16
(*180)	200	1	5	8	23	24	29
C & W	460	36	49	56	9	14	19
(*486)	500	15	27	35	25	33	38
CU	650	31	42	49	18	34	36
(*659)	700	10	20	27	49	60	69
ICI	800	31	47	55	24	41	47
(*800)	850	11	25	34	55	72	77
Land Sec	700	27	41	49	12	18	26
(*717)	750	8	17	25	43	46	55
M & S	500	31	43	49	6	11	16
(*527)	550	7	17	22	33	36	41
Nat West	700	40	51	59	16	36	41
(*716)	750	17	27	36	43	65	69
Safeway plc	360	17	27	31	11	19	26
(*364)	390	6	14	18	32	36	43
Sainsbury	360	14	22	26	12	16	23
(*361)	390	5	10	14	33	36	41
Shell	1000	61	77	85	10	22	30
(*1041)	1050	29	45	55	27	43	51
Smkl Bch	750	51	65	79	14	25	34
(*783)	800	24	39	53	37	44	57
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1700	113	147	173	44	70	80
(*1750)	1800	84	95	121	93	110	128
Series		**Nov**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Apr**
BAT Ind	420	22	32	41	5	11	24
(*436)	460	4	13	22	26	32	47
Vodafone	220	13	16	23	1	6	9
(*232)	240	2	7	14	11	16	20
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	460	18	28	36	4	17	21
(*473)	500	2	10	18	27	41	44
Ladbroke	180	19	24	27	0	2	6
(*199)	200	4	11	14	4	9	13
Utd Bisc	200	9	17	20	2	6	10
(*207)	220	1	7	10	13	18	22

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	500	31	44	52	7	13	19
(*523)	550	7	19	26	34	38	44
Thames W	500	46	57	64	5	12	22
(*545)	550	15	28	36	24	33	47
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BTR	240	17	23	27	0	4	8
(*256)	260	3	11	15	7	11	17
Br Aero	1150	35	68	87	13	28	45
(*1168)	1200	10	42	61	39	54	69
Br Telecm	330	26	31	36	0	6	9
(*355)	360	5	13	19	9	19	22
Cadbury	500	25	40	46	3	10	20
(*521)	550	2	15	21	29	36	47
Guinness	420	31	41	47	0	5	12
(*449)	460	4	17	24	14	21	31
GEC	360	20	28	36	1	7	11
(*378)	390	4	12	19	14	21	24
Hanson	119	5	9	—	2	5	—
(*121)	130	0	3	—	14	16	—
LASMO	210	19	25	28	0	3	5
(*218)	220	5	13	16	6	10	13
LucasVarity	240	19	27	32	1	6	9
(*257)	260	5	15	21	8	14	18
Pilkington	160	16	19	24	0	3	4
(*176)	180	2	8	12	7	11	13
Prudential	460	21	36	41	4	13	22
(*475)	500	3	16	22	29	34	44
Redland	420	23	37	44	3	10	18
(*440)	460	3	16	22	22	29	36
R-Royce	260	9	19	25	4	11	16
(*264)	280	1	10	15	17	23	27
Tesco	300	26	34	39	0	4	10
(*324)	330	5	15	21	10	16	23
Williams	360	10	—	—	4	—	—
(*364)	390	1	—	—	25	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4025)

	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100	4150
Calls						
Nov	147	102	63	32	12	5
Dec	179	136	101	70	46	27
Jan	197	159	125	94	70	48
Feb	217	180	148	117	93	68
Jun	279	—	214	—	162	—
Puts						
Nov	7	13	24	46	80	128
Dec	25	36	51	72	100	135
Jan	40	51	68	88	114	146
Feb	55	66	83	103	130	159
Jun	109	—	142	—	189	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Dec	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Abby Nat	600	40	60	67	5	20	25
(*635)	650	15	32	40	25	45	50
Amstrad	140	13	—	—	4	—	—
(*149)	160	4	—	—	15	—	—
Barclays	950	53	75	87	11	34	42
(*983)	1000	23	47	60	32	59	69
Natl Pwr	360	35	41	48	2	8	17
(*392)	400	9	18	—	19	24	—
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo W	950	64	84	96	17	34	43
(*986)	1000	36	56	69	37	59	66
HSBC	1250	80	107	128	22	50	66
(*1294)	1300	50	78	101	42	73	89
Reuter	750	51	68	82	16	28	35
(*776)	800	25	42	56	39	52	58
Royal & Sun	394	38	45	—	4	14	—
(*423)	431	15	25	—	19	32	—
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
Blue Circ	390	29	37	42	4	8	14
(*412)	420	10	19	25	16	20	29
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Kingfshr	600	64	75	80	9	19	24
(*645)	650	33	44	51	28	40	45
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Unilever	1250	51	74	85	10	18	36
(*1291)	1300	20	44	55	31	39	54
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Br Gas	180	15	21	21	2	4	7
(*191)	200	5	10	11	12	13	17
Dixons	550	29	44	56	10	21	27
(*564)	600	8	21	33	39	48	54
EMI Group	1200	60	97	112	14	39	45
(*1231)	1250	32	69	95	40	60	68
Tarmac	90	6	10	11	2	4	5
(*92)	100	2	5	7	8	10	11
Hillsdwn	160	19	22	23	1	2	5
(*179)	180	4	9	11	7	10	15
Lonrho	140	20	23	24	0	2	3
(*159)	160	6	10	12	4	10	11
Sears	80	9	—	—	0	—	—
(*89)	90	3	—	—	4	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	109	—	—	6	—	—
(*1590)	1600	47	—	—	33	—	—
Tomkins	260	13	19	25	7	12	15
(*267)	280	5	10	16	19	23	26
Lloyds TSB	300	17	28	33	7	19	23
[illegible]	[illegible]	4	13	20	24	36	40
Scot Pwr	294	18	24	—	3	9	—
(*307)	325	4	10	—	18	24	—

October 28, 1996 Tot: 29078 Call: 14096 Put: 15982 FTSE Call: 4013 Put: 8416
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 63079	Dec 96	4052.0	4067.0	4045.0	4052.0	7747
	Mar 97				4066.0	0
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 3671	Dec 96				4461.0	0
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 477334	Dec 96	93.92	93.92	93.90	93.92	7747
	Mar 97	93.75	93.76	93.73	93.74	9552
	Jun 97	93.46	93.46	93.40	93.42	6860
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.38	99.38	99.38	99.38	458
	Jun 97	99.26	99.26	99.26	99.26	73
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1140739	Dec 96	96.83	96.83	96.81	96.81	20244
	Mar 97	96.79	96.82	96.78	96.79	17073
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 159229	Dec 96	110-02	110-04	109-22	109-25	29501
	Mar 97	109-04	109-06	109-04	108-29	11
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	124.78	124.86	124.51	124.54	2322
	Mar 97	123.80	123.87	123.62	123.59	484
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 260017	Dec 96	99.56	99.65	99.31	99.41	98144
	Mar 97	98.62	98.62	98.40	98.40	367
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26565	Dec 96	95.87	95.89	95.87	95.89	390
	Mar 97	95.89	95.90	95.88	95.89	347
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 83746	Dec 96	98.06	98.08	98.02	98.07	4574
	Mar 97	98.07	98.07	98.00	98.06	4365
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 85167	Dec 96	123.85	124.35	123.15	123.25	67891
	Mar 97	123.30	123.50	122.60	122.47	150

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]
Interbank:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.28	n/a	5.41	5.51	5.73
Building Society CDs:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	6[illegible]-6[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5[illegible]-4[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-2[illegible]
French Franc:	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	1[illegible]-1[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.00-383.30 Close: $383.00-383.50 High: $383.45-383.95
Low: $382.05-382.55 AM: $382.90 PM: $382.90

Krugerrand: $382.50-384.50 (£237.00-239.00)

Platinum: $383.50 (£238.05) **Silver:** $4.93 (£3.055) **Palladium:** $116.25 (£72.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7475-2.7533	2.7475-2.7508	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Brussels	50.411-50.650	50.411-50.507	14-10pr	40-33pr
Copenhagen	9.3974-9.4220	9.3974-9.4065	2[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	5[illegible]-4[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9908-0.9935	0.9908-0.9927	4pr-par	11-5pr
Frankfurt	2.4495-2.4579	2.4495-2.4521	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Lisbon	247.24-248.22	247.24-247.55	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	206.27-206.96	206.27-206.45	14-24ds	39-57ds
Milan	2451.1-2455.5	2451.1-2455.0	29-45ds	91-113ds
Montreal	2.1652-2.1706	2.1660-2.1681	0.48-0.42pr	0.97-0.89pr
New York	1.6106-1.6138	1.6116-1.6126	0.085-0.065pr	0.208-0.177pr
Oslo	10.346-10.382	10.346-10.356	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	8.2715-8.3010	8.2715-8.2799	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	5[illegible]-5[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.597-10.629	10.597-10.616	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	183.39-184.29	184.06-184.29	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.233-17.295	17.233-17.252	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.0303-2.0387	2.0303-2.0330	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2643-1.2651
Austria	10.69-10.70
Belgium (Com)	31.30-31.31
Canada	1.3444-1.3449
Denmark	5.8280-5.8315
France	5.1359-5.1369
Germany	1.5200-1.5205
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7325
Ireland	1.6200-1.6210
Italy	1521.40-1522.90
Japan	114.08-114.18
Malaysia	2.5125-2.5135
Netherlands	1.7050-1.7055
Norway	6.4209-6.4247
Portugal	153.43-153.58
Singapore	1.4171-1.4176
Spain	128.04-128.08
Sweden	6.5782-6.5857
Switzerland	1.2603-1.2613

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6115-1.6142
Australia dollar	2.0389-2.0415
Bahrain dinar	0.6000-0.6120
Brazil real*	1.6511-1.6554
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7350-0.7450
Finland markka	7.2800-7.3960
Greece drachma	380.5-387.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.4607-12.4685
India rupee	56.85-57.81
Indonesia rupiah	3707.0-3775.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4775-0.4875
Malaysia ringgit	4.0491-4.0522
New Zealand dollar	2.2827-2.2863
Pakistan rupee	64.05 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7925-5.9165
Singapore dollar	2.2842-2.2864
S Africa rand (com)	7.4110-7.5130
U A E dirham	5.8425-5.9665

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FTSE VOLUMES

3i	351	Lloyds TSB	11,200
ASDA Gp	4,400	LucasVarity	1,400
Abbey Ntl	7,600	Marks Spr	2,000
Allied Dom	1,600	NatWst Bk	4,800
Argos	87	Nat Grid	3,700
AB Foods	247	Nat Power	1,000
BAA	2,400	Next	691
BAT Inds	3,300	Orange	832
BOC	266	P & O	1,900
BP	4,500	Pearson	885
BSkyB	3,800	Pilkington	3,900
BTR	5,900	PowerGen	693
BT	5,700	Prudential	4,000
Bk of Scot	9,000	RMC	371
Barclays	3,000	RTZ	2,800
Bass	721	Railtrack	9,800
Blue Circle	753	Rank Group	3,800
Boots	2,800	Reckitt Col	487
BAe	1,500	Redland	493
BA	3,100	Reed Intl	267
Brit Gas	3,100	Rentokil	5,200
Brit Steel	13,400	Reuters	775
Burmah Cstl	578	Rolls Royce	8,400
Burton	15,300	Royal & Sun	5,600
Cable Wire	6,400	Royal Bk Sct	773
Cadbury	1,600	Safeway	559
Carlton Cms	2,200	Sainsbury	3,200
Cm Union	3,300	Schroders	65
Courtaulds	448	Scot & New	614
Dixons	1,300	Scot Power	1,100
EMI	2,000	Svrn Trent	880
Enterpr Oil	204	Shell Trans	2,500
GKN	808	Siebe	847
GRE	1,500	SmKl Bch	2,400
GUS	1,200	Smith Nph	2,700
Gen Acc	1,400	Smiths Inds	267
Gen Elec	4,200	Std Chartd	2,200
Glaxo Well	1,800	TI Gp	264
Granada	1,400	Tate & Lyle	226
Grand Met	2,900	Tesco	2,700
Guinness	2,000	Thames W	625
HSBC	1,300	Tomkins	1,100
Hanson	22,100	Unilever	1,400
ICI	2,400	Utd Utilities	806
Imp Tob	4,600	Utd News	990
Kingfisher	771	Vodafone	6,000
LASMO	1,200	Whitbread	661
Ladbroke	1,900	Wilms Hld	2,700
Land Secs	177	Wolseley	814
Legal & Gn	738	Zeneca	2,500

WALL STREET

	Oct 28 midday	Oct 25 close
AMP Inc	34	34
AMR Corp	81	81
ASA	39	39
AT & T	36	36
Abbott Labs	50	50
Advanced Micro	17	17
Aetna Life	62	63
Ahmanson (HF)	29	29
Air Prod & Chem	59	59
AirTouch Comm	26	26
Alberto-Culver B	46	46
Albertson's	35	35
Alcan Alumnm	33	33
Alco Standard	46	46
Allied Signal	63	63
Alum Co of Am	59	59
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	56	55
Amer Brands	48	48
Amer El Power	41	41
Amer Express	46	46
Amer Genl Corp	37	37
Amer Home Pr	62	62
Amer Intl	104	104
Amer Stores	41	41
Amer Standard	37	37
Ameritech	56	55
Amoco	75	74
Anheuser-Busch	38	38
Apple Computer	24	24
Archer Daniels	21	21
Armco	3	3
Armstrng Wrld	65	65
Asarco	27	27
Atl Richfield	133	132
Auto Data Pro	41	41
Avery Dennison	65	64
Avon Products	54	53
Baker Hughes	36	34
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	42	42
BankAmerica	88	87
Bank of NY	31	31
Bankers Tr NY	83	83
Barnett Banks	37	37
Bausch & Lomb	35	35
Baxter Intl	41	41
Becton Dicknsn	43	43
Bell Atlantic	60	60
Bell Industries	17	17
BellSouth	39	38
Black & Decker	39	39
Block (H&R)	25	25
Boeing	94	94
Boise Cascade	31	31
Bristol Myrs Sq	104	105
Browning Ferris	25	25
Brunswick	23	23
Burlington Nthn	81	81
CMS Energy Corp	31	31
CNA Financial	97	97
CPC Intl	79	78
CSX	43	44
Campbell Soup	82	82
Can Pacific	24	24
Carolina Pwr	35	35
Caterpillar	70	70
Central & SW	26	25
Champion Intl	43	42
Chase Manhat	83	83
Chevron Corp	67	67
Chrysler	33	33
Chubb Corp	49	50
Cigna Corp	126	127
Citicorp	95	95
Clorox	102	101
Coastal Corp	43	43
Coca Cola	49	50
Coca Cola Ent	43	44
Colgate-Palmolive	88	89
Columbia Gas	60	60
ColumbiaHCA	35	35
Compaq Comp	71	70
Comp Ass Int	58	58
Conagra	49	49
Conrail	93	93
Cons Edison	28	28
Cons Nat Gas	52	52
Cooper Inds	42	42
CoreStates	48	47
Corning Inc	38	38
Crown Cork	47	47
Dana Corp	30	30
Dayton Hudson	33	33
Deere	41	42
Delta Air Lines	69	69
Deluxe Corp	32	32
Digital Equip	30	29
Dillard Dept St	31	31
Disney (Walt)	66	66
Dominion Res	37	37
Donnelley (RR)	30	30
Dover Corp	52	52
Dow Chemical	78	78
Dow Jones	34	34
Dresser	32	31
Duke Power	47	47
Dun & Bradstreet	58	57
Du Pont	91	90
Eastman Chem	52	52

	Oct 28 midday	Oct 25 close
Eastman Kodak	76	76
Eaton Corp	60	60
Edison Intl	19	19
Emerson Elec	90	89
Engelhard Corp	18	18
Enron Corp	45	45
Entergy	27	27
Ethyl Corp	8	8
Exxon	89	88
FMC Corp	71	71
FPL Group	45	45
Federal Express	79	79
Fed Nat Mtge	37	36
First Bk Sys	65	65
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Fnl Grp	48	48
Fluor Corp	66	67
Ford Motor	31	31
GTE Corp	42	41
Gannett	74	74
Gap Inc Del	29	29
Gencorp	16	16
Gen Dynamics	68	68
Gen Electric	96	95
Gen Mills	57	57
Gen Motors	54	54
Gen Reinsurance	144	144
Gen Signal	42	42
Genuine Parts	43	44
Georgia Pac	74	73
Gillette	73	73
Glaxo Welle ADR	31	31
Goodrich (BF)	42	42
Goodyear Tire	46	46
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31	30
Great Wstn Fin	27	27
Halliburton	58	56
Harcourt General	50	50
Heinz (HJ)	35	35
Hercules	47	48
Hershey Foods	47	47
Hewlett Packard	45	45
Hilton Hotels	29	29
Home Depot	55	55
Homestake Mine	14	14
Honeywell	61	60
Household Intl	90	88
Houston Inds	23	23
Humana	18	19
ITT Corp	42	42
Illinois Tool	72	72
Illinova	26	26
INCO	32	31
Ingersoll Rand	43	43
Inland Steel	16	16
Intel Corp	106	105
IBM	127	126
Intl Flav & Fr	41	41
Intl Paper	43	43
James River Va	31	31
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	48	47
Kellogg	64	64
Kerr-McGee	63	62
Kimberly-Clark	90	90
Kmart	10	10
Knight-Ridder	37	37
Lilly (Eli)	69	69
Limited Inc	18	18
Lincoln Nat	49	47
Litton	46	46
Liz Claiborne	42	42
Lockheed Martin	86	89
Louisiana Pac	20	21
MCI Comm	25	25
Marriott Int	57	57
Marsh & McLnn	101	100
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	47	47
Maytag Corp	20	20
McDonalds	44	44
McDonnell D	51	53
McGraw Hill	46	46
Mead Corp	57	56
Medtronic	64	64
Mellon Bk	64	64
Melville Corp	36	36
Merck Inc	73	73
Merrill Lynch	68	67
Microsoft	136	136
Minnesota Mine	75	74
Mobil Corp	118	117
Monsanto	41	41
Morgan (JP)	84	85
Motorola Inc	47	47
Natl Semi	18	18
Natl Service Inc	34	34
Navistar Int	9	9
NY Times A	35	35
Newmont Mng	47	46
Niag Mohawk	8	8
Nike B	63	61
NL Industries	8	8
Noram Energy	15	15
Nordstrom	34	37
Norfolk Sthrn	92	91
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	42	42
Nynex Corp	44	44
Occidental Pet	24	24
Ohio Edison	20	20

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Oracle	42	42
Oryx Energy Co	19	19
Overseas Ship	16	16
Owens Corning	38	37
PHH Corp	30	30
PPG Industries	57	56
PNC Bank	35	35
PP&L Res	22	22
Paccar Inc	55	55
Pacificorp	21	20
Pac Enterprises	30	30
Pac Gas & Elect	23	23
Pac Telesis	34	34
Pall Corp	25	26
Parker Hannifin	37	37
Peco Energy	24	24
Penney (JC)	52	52
Pennzoil	51	51
Pepsico	30	30
Pfizer	81	80
Pharm & Upjhn	37	38
Phelps Dodge	64	64
Philip Morris	93	92
Phillips Pet	42	42
Pitney Bowes	55	55
Polaroid	40	41
PriceCostco	20	20
Procter & Gmbl	95	94
Providian	45	45
Pub Serv E & G	26	26
Quaker Oats	35	35
Ralston Purina	67	66
Raychem Corp	75	74
Raytheon	48	48
Reebok Intl	34	35
Reynolds Metals	57	57
Rockwell Intl	56	56
Rohm & Haas	70	70
Royal Dutch	171	169
Rubbermaid	23	23
SBC Comms	49	49
Safeco Corp	38	36
St Paul's Cos	54	54
Salomon Inc	45	45
Sara Lee Corp	36	36
Schering Plough	64	64
Schlumberger	100	98
Seagram	36	36
Sears Roebuck	49	49
Shell Trans	100	100
Sherwin Wlms	51	51
Skyline Corp	27	27
Snap-On-Tools	32	32
Southern Co	22	22
Sprint Corp	38	38
Stanley Works	27	27
Sun Company	22	22
Sun Microsys	59	58
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	29	29
Sysco Corp	33	33
TRW Inc	90	89
TCC Inds	1	1
Tandem Comp	13	12
Tandy Corp	40	40
Temple Inland	51	51
Tenneco	49	48
Texaco	104	103
Texas Inst	49	49
Texas Utilities	39	39
Textron	88	89
Time Warner	37	37
Times-Mirror A	46	45
Timken	43	44
Torchmark	47	47
Toys R Us	32	32
Transamerica	72	71
Travelers	52	52
Tribune	82	82
Tyco Int	49	49
UST Inc	29	29
UAL	49	47
US Inds	27	27
US West Comm	30	30
USX Marathon	23	23
Unicom	25	25
Unilever NV	151	152
Union Camp	49	49
Union Carbide	42	42
Union Pacific	56	56
Unisys Corp	6	6
USAIR Group	17	17
USF&G Corp	19	19
US Life	31	31
United Tech	123	123
Unocal Corp	36	36
VF Corp	64	64
WMX Tech	34	34
Wal-Mart Stores	27	27
Warner-Lambert	64	63
Wells Fargo	261	261
Westinghouse El	17	18
Weyerhaeuser	46	45
Whirlpool	47	47
Whitman	24	24
Winn Dixie	35	33
Woolworth	21	21
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	60	60
Xerox	46	46
Yellow Corp	13	13

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CITY DIARY

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Abbey winning post nears

THE Abbey National succession race hotted-up yesterday when the two most likely candidates to succeed the highly respected Peter Birch as chief executive in April 1998 each had their empires enlarged.

As Bob Knighton retires as managing director of operations from July next year, Ian Harley, the 46-year old finance director, will take over his responsibilities for information technology.

Andrew Pople, his rival for the top job, the 38-year-old managing director of retail banking, will look after mortgage operations and the remainder of the group's banking services. Pople is said to be the current favourite, but there's a long way to go yet.

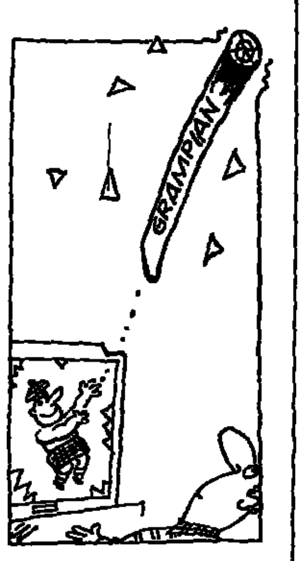
Heavy reading

POSTMAN PAT would blanch at Alliance & Leicester's £8 million bill for delivering the announcement of its £2.8 billion flotation. Meanwhile, Halifax will splash out more than £10 million on printing and posting 5,000 tonnes of documents to nine million members in January.

Change of dress

EMPLOYEES at Save & Prosper's administration centre in Romford have been driven almost dizzy by the constant change in dress code. Following the example of Richard Branson, staff were originally asked to dress down for work, but only on a Monday. It then changed to five days a week.

Now, Peter Roney, chief executive, has issued a decree that mufti creates an unprofessional image, and ought to be restricted to Fridays. One employee has put in a £200 invoice, demanding immediate reimbursement for the clothes that he invested in.



On the ball

SCARBOROUGH Football Club is hoping to score with a premier idea to put advertising on the goal nets and across the goalmouth before a game kicks off. The brainwave is that of John Russell, chairman, who came up with the idea two years ago when he was playing Subbuteo with his two sons.

"I realised that the only vertical parts of a football ground without advertising are the corner flags and goals," says Russell, who immediately patented the idea. "When we played Leicester City in the Coca-Cola Cup recently, they were staggered at the potential for the scheme and bought a set of covers for their ground," he adds.

Pep talk

AT A time when religion is ringing bells in politics, a new weapon launches into the market for City types who think that their offices could do with an ethical spring clean. It is a desk calendar designed to last well into the next century, offering one of Solomon's proverbs per day. Food for thought includes: "All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."

MORAG PRESTON

Americans battle to plug into British power firms

Christine Buckley

looks into why US groups have become such keen shoppers

It is not quite the gold rush, but it is certainly true that US utilities detect a substantial cash mine in the UK's electricity industry. They also see a chance to get experience of the sweeping changes to the UK electricity industry that will help them when competition begins to make an impact in the US.

Since the takeover round began in the regional electricity sector last year, US groups have been keen shoppers. Now CE Electric's bid returns to the company that started the takeover frenzy. Northern Electric was the first regional electricity company to receive a hostile takeover approach nearly two years ago when Trafalgar House moved in and quickly set rolling a ball that has shaped the electricity industry into one of the most lucrative investment areas.

US companies, which now own or influence more than 25 per cent of the UK industry, were not slow off the mark when the Government's golden shares in the regional electricity companies expired and the electricity regulator finally set the record straight on pricing controls.

Southern Company, the Atlanta based group, was first when it bid for Sweb, the South West company, last July. Southern, which has now sold on a 25 per cent share to a subsidiary of a fellow US group, Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, also made an approach to National Power, Britain's largest generator. But this was blocked by the Government's decision to maintain a golden share prohibiting holdings of more than 15 per cent in the generators.

The next US groups to show their faces in the UK were Central and South West Corporation and Houston Industries. They teamed up to buy Norweb, but were outgunned by North West Water. Central and South West came back with an agreed bid for Seeboard. Midlands Electricity moved into US ownership after its courtship by PowerGen, the UK's second biggest generator, was vetoed by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, in a surprise overturning of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation. Midlands was bought by the partnership of General Public Utilities and Cinergy.

A significant foray into generation by US groups was struck when Mission Energy beat other bidders for First Hydro, the pumped storage generator that provides electricity at peak demand and for peak prices. Elsewhere in generation they have interests in a number of independent power projects in the UK.

Houston Industries, in spite of its silence since the Norweb bid, is still believed to be strongly interested in buying in Britain. Other names touted as likely predators are California based Pacific Gas and Electric and SCE Corporation.

Two main matters are driving the transatlantic crusade — a squeeze on growth at home and the relatively attractive regulatory regime in the UK.

Competition among utilities, which are subject to federal and state regulation, is being progressively introduced into the US. Last year the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced plans to enact a 1992 Energy Act passed by Congress to require the owners of transmission lines to allow access to any generator wishing to reach wholesale markets for power.

Across the states the structure of electricity provision and the timetables for competition vary enormously. California, where CalEnergy — the majority owner of CE Electric — has a big presence in generation, has faced strong pressure to establish competition in retail electricity for a few years following a study by the Public Utilities Commission that was critical of the fact that California's electricity prices were about 50 per cent higher than the national average. Comparisons with the UK's energy trading structure brought about plans for an electricity pool.

At present, CalEnergy, as an unregulated generator in the US, is prevented from buying a distribution business although this is expected to change as competition becomes established.

Throughout the US, states differ as to whether they are setting the framework for competition on purely federal grounds, on regulatory ones, or a combination of the two.

Increasingly, as competition at home looms, US companies are looking to expand their expertise and to minimise the impact of falling domestic margins. Most are looking overseas for other income streams. Southern Company, which has fallen into silence after its overtures to National Power, has said it wants to make 30 per cent of its income from non-core activities by 2003.

US groups say they will be able to take what they learn about the competitive market back home; the ways of marketing energy to the hitherto undemanding world of domestic customers who are not used to having a choice. Cynics say that buying companies at the sort of premiums commanded by UK regional companies is an expensive way of gaining such schooling and that US purchasers are more lured by the regulatory system here, which allows more profits through the incentives of RPI-X rather than the sliding scale system of profit-capping prevalent in America.

Further incentives to US companies to look outside their domestic arena come from the surplus of generating capacity at home. They are further aided in their foreign shopping expeditions by comparatively good prices for credit and generally substantial cash piles.

Mergers are going ahead in the US in response to an industry on the verge of consolidation, but they are painfully slow. With hostile bids a rare event, talks between companies and regulatory intervention take a huge amount of time in comparison with the rapid fire of the UK. Across the Atlantic, it is not unusual for mergers to take more than a year to complete from the first bid moves.

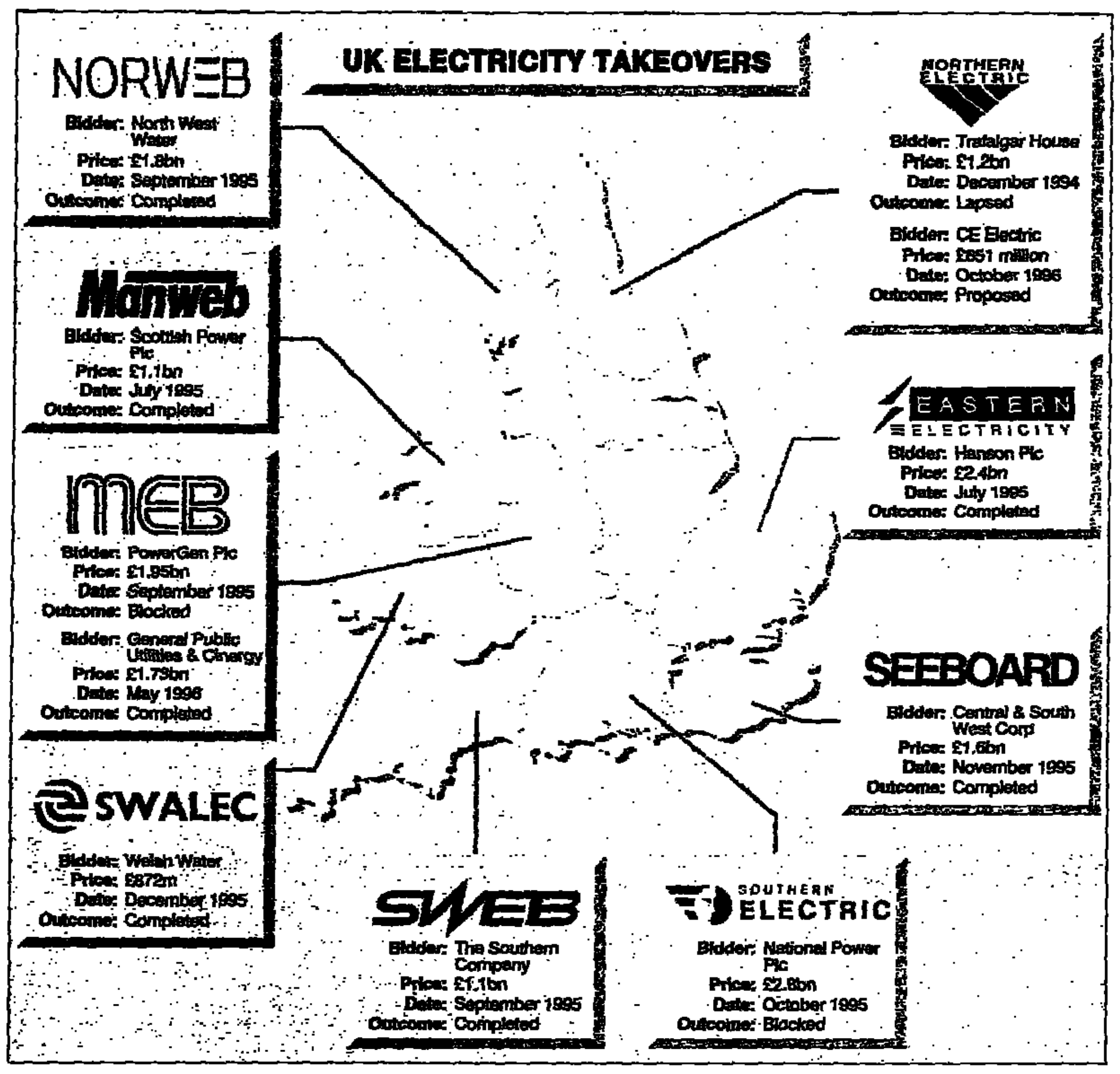
The UK is not the only target for acquisitive US companies. Deregulation of energy markets is becoming a worldwide phenomenon and with it business opportunities are developing in rapid succession.

Australia especially is proving a magnet to US power companies as well as UK ones. In both countries, a deregulated power industry is backed by the attraction of stable government. And while power opportunities are considerable in developing countries such as India, Pakistan and the Far East, companies have to contend with different cultures and legal procedures. Importantly also they are developing greenfield sites that will take two to three years to come to fruition.

A while ago US utilities were said to have gone to ground again, frustrated by inconsistent government policy and the prospect of a new Labour Government with its windfall tax and possible harsher regulation.

US groups have been puzzled by the Government's apparent willingness to embrace some groups — all of the ones that have bid for regional electricity companies — but not Southern Company in its attempt for National Power, the generator.

The Department of Trade and Industry rejected Southern's move on National Power in spite of the fact that the company was willing to pledge power station disposals and a reduction of its stake in Sweb. It maintained that it would hold its golden share in the generators. This came after Tim Eggar, the then Energy Minister, said that he was willing to consider a trade sale of British Energy as the Government prepared the modern chunks of the nuclear industry for sale amid a gloomy investment climate. The name mentioned, much to the company's annoyance, was Duke Power, of the US.



Ian Lang vetoed PowerGen's courtship of Midlands Electricity

BUSINESS LETTERS

Critics of direct motor insurers miss the point over the question of providing cover for 'uninsurables'

From the chairman, Direct Line Insurance

Sir, The debate started by the AA (Car insurance underclass being frozen out, October 9) and taken up by Rocco Segreti (Companies need to find a way to provide for the 'uninsurables', Business Letters, October 15) suggests that insurers need to provide for "uninsurables" if the industry is to survive. Both miss the point.

The issue of whether some people can afford insurance is a very different one from whether the insurance they need is actually available. The claim by the AA that direct insurers "cherry pick" only the best risks is scurrilous. I have launched two direct motor insurance companies, one for drivers classed as standard risks (Direct Line) and one for those who are higher risk (Privilege Insurance). Between them they quote competitively for virtually the entire market. In addition, the free and open competition which direct insurance has provoked has led to the largest fall in motor insurance rates and jumps in service standards that the market has ever seen. If the root of Mr Segret's concern is that insurance companies should subsidise some people — rather than trying to offer the most competitive prices for their risk — then his worries are focused on the wrong issue. The logical extension of this kind of thinking is that supermarkets should also act to help people who cannot afford the food they stock.

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Practical dilemma that inhibits diversity of non-executives

From Mrs Yve Newbold

Sir, Mr Clive Halton blames over-generous pay awards at board level on non-executive directors who are in full-time executive employment elsewhere, citing their lack of true availability and their tendency to boost the pay "of their own kind".

The point frequently made, and implied in his letter, is that non-executive directors are drawn from too narrow a cadre. Whilst many of us would agree with this as a matter of principle, there is a practical dilemma which inhibits diversity.

Today's company operates in a rapidly changing business environment as well as one of increasingly complex standards of financial reporting and corporate governance. Given that, it is perhaps not surprising that those non-executive directors most sought after and most likely to contribute to boardroom debate are often those who have current boardroom experience in other companies.

Ironically, much as the mutualisation of directorships on British boards may in part have contributed to the "spiral" of high pay and settlement awards, it is sometimes non-executive directors with experience of other companies' practice who can most effectively influence, and indeed curtail, high pay awards coming before them as non-executive directors. There is little evidence so far to suggest that those lacking the necessary financial and business understanding make better or "tougher" non-executive directors.

To increase diversity of skills among non-executive directors, change is probably needed to the content, structure and process of board meetings so that non-executive directors of varied experience can express themselves in the boardroom without being inhibited by process or technicalities. But many chief executives firmly believe that "corporate governance" has gone far enough already. As one entrepreneur remarked famously: "We want hound dogs, not watchdogs, in our boardrooms."

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Missing the boat at the airport

From Roy K. Short

Sir, The tone of Sir Terence Conran's letter (October 25) on the subject of BAA airport shops density suggests to me that he may have missed his 'plane — or was it the boat?

Yours faithfully,
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No crisis in Zaire from UK plc's point of view

From Mr J. G. Cluff

Sir, Pennington (October 22) questioned the timing of the breakfast briefing I helped to organise for the Prime Minister of Zaire's official visit to London. In fact, those who attended the briefing heard that the timing, notwithstanding the troubles on the Rwandan border, was rather opportune; the present Government is winning plaudits from the international community for turning serious economic recession into modest growth and for its commitment to macro-economic stabilisation. They also heard of the Government's plans for far-reaching liberalisation, including the abolition of exchange controls, privatisation, and substantial incentives for overseas investors — all against the background of some of the world's largest mineral reserves.

A growing number of companies see the opportunities for UK plc — hence the excellent turn-out of City institutions at the breakfast.

Yours faithfully,
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ANATOLE KALETSKY

Watch out for the explosion

The lunatics have taken over the asylum. The Fat Lady has hit high C. It's all over bar the shouting. Add or subtract clichés at will; you can grasp my meaning. The great bull market may not yet be over, but it is suddenly in mortal danger. Bonds round the world and Anglo-Saxon currencies have entered the kind of wild speculative period when even aggressive investors may be well advised to stand aside — and stock markets cannot ignore a shock in bonds and currencies, even if equities remain reasonably priced.

Why do I sense trouble? Not because I have spent the past two years predicting disaster on Wall Street, like many professional financial analysts. On the contrary, I have consistently argued that American shares were still attractively valued (certainly much better bets than Japanese ones), while the dollar and pound would continue to rise against the yen and the mark.

And looking purely at the economic fundamentals, I still believe both of these propositions to be true — which is why I do not think the bull market is over, but merely that it is due for a nasty shock. Why, then, the warning? Because there are signs of wild speculation and rumblings of alarming policy changes that most of the pundits have chosen to ignore.

While the experts have mostly been looking to Wall Street for signs of speculative behaviour, the real excesses have (as usual) occurred in the bond markets. Two weeks ago, I noted in this column that investors in Italian and Spanish bonds were ignoring the warnings of the Bundesbank about the "Club Med's" ineligibility for monetary union. Since then, the overconfidence in Club Med markets has become even more absurd.

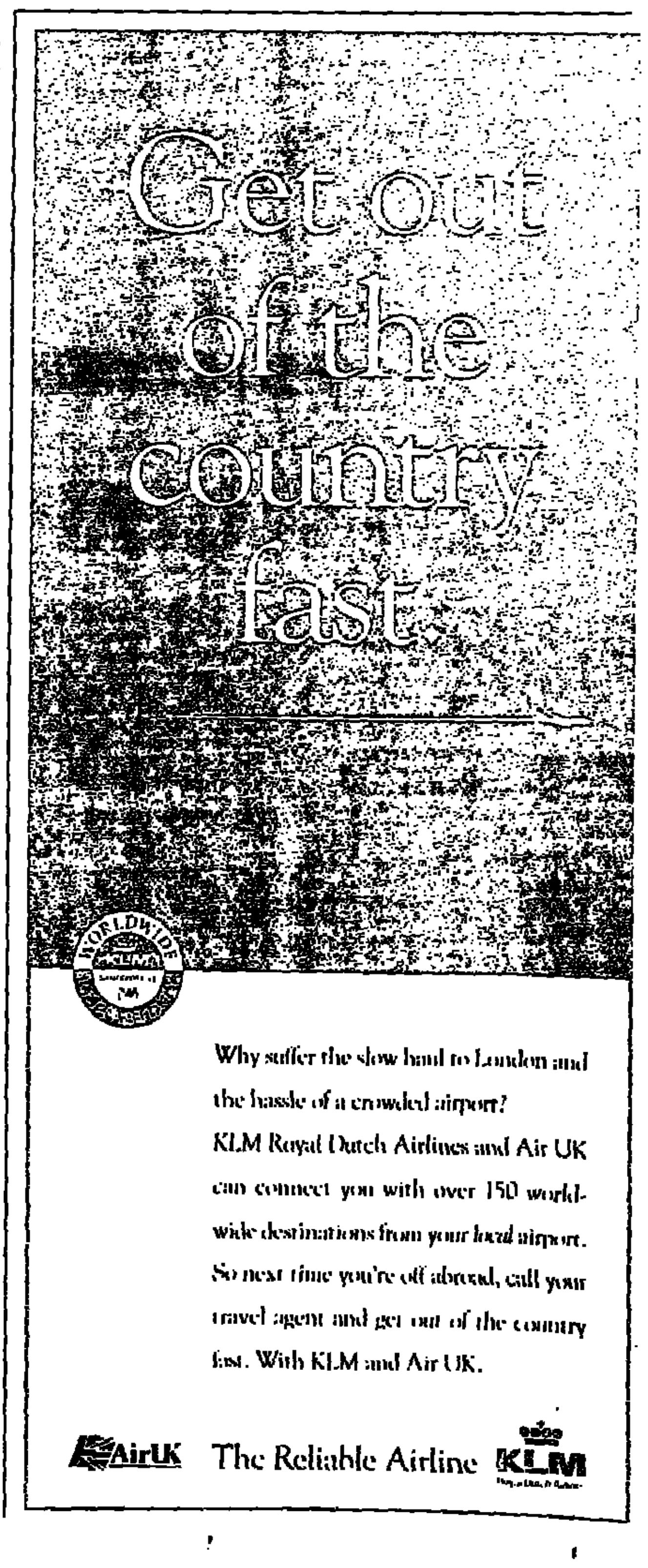
Last week Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, gave a warning that the declining trend in German interest rates was probably over. Since Italy's budget plans depend on getting interest rates down German levels — and then funding the entire national debt in the short-term money markets — a turn in the German rate cycle would leave the country's entire EMU strategy in ruins. How then did the markets react to Herr Tietmeyer's warning on Friday? By buying lire against the mark and bidding Italian bonds to a record high.

This kind of contempt could make the Bundesbank increasingly frustrated and angry. And Bundesbank frustration has a long history of bursting financial bubbles — on Wall Street in 1987, in the ERM in 1992 and 1993, and in the worldwide bond markets in early 1994.

What now makes the danger of a policy shock from the Bundesbank far greater is the way that the cockpit of speculation has recently moved from Club Med to an infinitely more important financial centre: Tokyo. The yield on Japan's ten-year bonds has now fallen to an amazing low 2.5 per cent, suggesting a fraud on the investing public unequalled since the British Government's issue of irredeemable 3 per cent War Loan.

The yen has collapsed to a new three-year low against the dollar. In itself, this move is justified by the economic fundamentals. But what makes it suspicious is that all kinds of other currencies — the pound, the Canadian and New Zealand dollars, and even the lira — have risen even faster than the US dollar against the yen. At the same time, the Japanese stock market, which should logically have gained in response to the yen's weakness, has plunged. What seems to be happening is that Japanese investors, while keeping most of their money in the apparent "safe haven" of Japanese government bonds, are finally panicking and starting to channel their discretionary money into any currency that offers higher returns than the yen (which in practice means any currency under the sun).

Unfortunately, the prowess of the Japanese as manufacturers is matched only by their incompetence as investors. Japanese financial incompetence plus Bundesbank anger is a potent combination if you want to produce a worldwide financial explosion. You have been warned.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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	473½	+ 8½	6.2	17.9
625	477	Bulmer (HP)	520	+ 5	3.2	17.4
131	68½	Burn Stewart	69	+ ½	6.2	
775	615	Glenmorangie A	755		2.0	19.3
496	411	Grand Met	475½	+ 4½	4.0	20.2
493	435	Guinness	449	+ 3	4.2	13.9
378	315	Highland Dist	330		3.2	15.6
803	277½	Matthew Clark	300	+ 5	10.0	14.3
141	93	Merrydown W	110½		5.1	10.1
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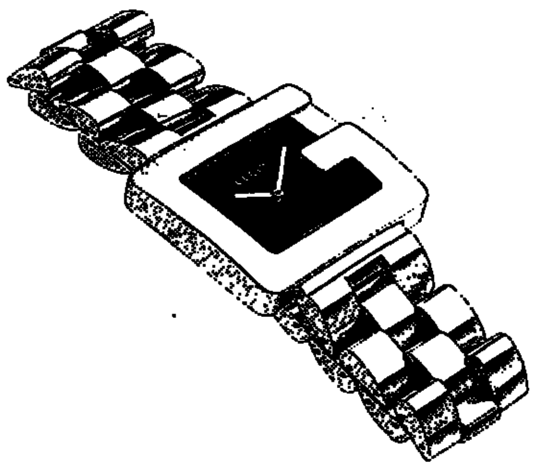

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103¼	100	Conv 10% 1996	100		9.98	6.14
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	100¼		6.95	6.01
107	100½	Treas 13¼% 1997	101½		13.04	5.87
107	100	Exch 10½% 1997	101¼		10.36	5.89
107	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	102		8.56	6.03
114	103	Exch 15% 1997	108		13.82	6.12
106½	103	Exch 9¾% 1998	104		9.37	6.26
109	100¾	Treas 7¼% 1998	101		7.16	6.33
116	110½	Treas 14% 1998-01	111		12.61	6.43
122	115	Treas 15½% 1998	116		13.36	6.53
114	110	Exch 12% 1998	110		10.89	6.60
109	105	Treas 9½% 1999	105		8.98	6.62
116	110	Exch 12¼% 1999	112		10.91	6.68
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	108		9.66	6.72

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
131½	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	- ½	9.78	7.37
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	99	½	7.53	7.56
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	101½		7.66	7.59
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	102		7.78	7.45
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121		9.66	7.36
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	106		7.99	7.62
112	103	Treas 9% 2008	110		8.16	7.67
104½	96	Treas 8% 2009	102		7.83	7.72

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
88	81½	Treas 6¼% 2010	86	- ½	7.20	7.87
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	110		8.16	7.81
113	104	Treas 9% 2012	110		8.15	7.84
82	75½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	81		6.79	7.82
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	101		7.90	7.86
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98	- ½	7.85	7.87
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	101	- ½	7.89	7.86

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US pet warehouse grows on low-profit diet

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE £170 million bid for Pet City by PETsMart, announced last week, is typical of a breakneck growth strategy that has made the US company one of the most controversial retail stocks in America.

It has become one of the fastest growing store chains in the country partly by paying what many Wall Street analysts regard as inflated prices for other store groups. The company became embroiled in controversy last year when Dan Dorfman, the influential CNBC television share pundit, quoted fund managers and share underwriters as saying that it had paid too much for two acquisitions, including that of Pet Food Giant in New Jersey.

As with the Pet City offer, PETsMart paid for the purchases with shares rather than cash or loans. Analysts pointed out that the company's strategy appeared to be that of a classic high growth stock, keeping its share value high by rapid expansion while constantly issuing new shares to fuel its growth. Meanwhile, profits have lagged.

In 1995, the company recorded a loss of $2.8 million on revenues of $1 billion. PETsMART has never made any dividend payments. However, from almost a standing start in 1989, the Arizona company has mushroomed to 273 warehouse stores in 32 US states, with 9,000 employees. Mark Hansen, the chief executive, wants it to grow to 975 stores. Meanwhile, rival retailers such as Pet Food Warehouse claim that PETsMART is buying market share by selling many of its products at below cost price.

PETsMart has recently broken into the Canadian market and the purchase of Pet City would be its first step into Europe, where Britain and France are the main targets. Although Fidelity Investments, its main backer, remains supportive, some investors are wary of the company's rapid growth and low profits. PETsMART offers a range of pet services — from pet food and toys to grooming, veterinary services and a pet adoption agency — that have traditionally been separate from its 25,000 sq ft warehouse stores.

Its aim is to undermine the supermarkets in selling pet food and other basics to animal owners in a $17 billion market in the US that is growing at about 15 per cent a year.

The company's shares closed last week at around $29, near its high for the past 12 months.

Grampian advance switches on investors

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in Grampian Television, which holds the ITV franchise for the North of Scotland, leapt 22p to a record high of 592p yesterday after the company announced a big jump in profits and raised the dividend by 60 per cent.

Grampian has been at the centre of renewed bid rumours after Scottish TV sold its 20 per cent stake in HTV for £74 million to United News and Media last week.

The two companies already collaborate on the recently launched interactive OKTV, but Grampian has ruled out a merger and repeatedly said it wishes to remain independent.

Half-year pre-tax profits increased from £2.9 million to £8.1 million, boosted by a £4.7 million contribution from the sale of Scot FM to the Independent Radio Group. The interim dividend, which is payable on December 16, was increased from 1.25p to 2p as the company seeks to reduce the disparity between the final and interim payments.

The company said that its operating performance had been boosted by the good market in Scottish airtime sales and it outperformed the ITV market average with a 4 per cent rise in advertising.

Grampian also confirmed its intention to broadcast a digital service and is looking to form a company with Channel Four to apply for the necessary licence.

Calum MacLeod, chairman, said that in programming terms the company retained its lead in vital areas such as local news and would continue to show its determination to be involved with national programming.

He added that despite increased competition with the arrival of Channel Five next spring, the company is confident that Grampian will remain the most popular channel in North Scotland.

Scottish Television, meanwhile, has changed its stockbrokers because it was unhappy with the level and quality of service it was receiving from Kleinwort Benson, its previous broker.

Gary Hughes, finance director at Scottish, said Kleinwort Benson "have not moved with us at the speed that we would have wanted them to".

He said the brokers started working for Scottish in 1990, when the television company was only a tenth of its current size with a market value of only £50 million. "The level and quality of the service that they provided was probably adequate for a company of that size," Mr Hughes said.

Scottish has switched to ABN Amro Hoare Govett, with Bell Lawrie White, the Scottish firm, helping out.

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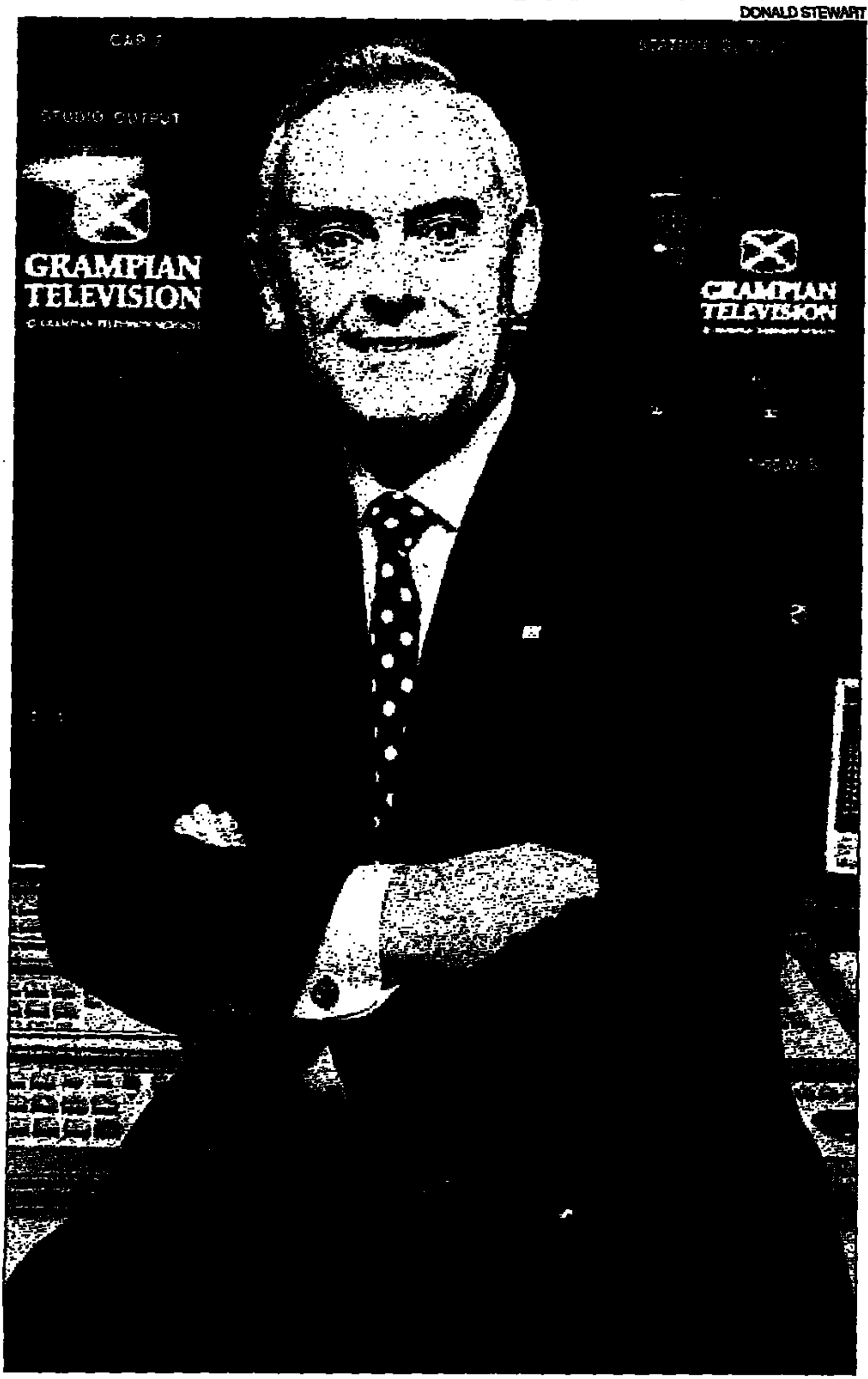
DONALD STEWART



Calum MacLeod aims to keep Grampian at the top in North Scotland despite the competition

Charity seeks cash for debt service

BY SARA McCONNELL

THE Money Advice Trust, the charity set up to raise private sector funds for debt advice services, yesterday appealed to banks, building societies and other credit providers for extra money to pay for the expansion of debt advice across the country.

Robert Colvill, the Trust's chairman, said £1.5 million was needed in the 1996-97 financial year alone if the Trust's plans for regional money advice offices and support, new technology and provision of technical information for advisers were to be realised. The Trust's annual funding target is £3 million.

He told told an audience of credit providers at a London reception that it made good business sense for lenders to contribute to helping customers in debt. He said: "Everyone wins. The customer wins because he is in control, and the lender benefits because a difficult situation is resolved."

Mr Colvill gave warning that demand for debt advice was growing in spite of the country's improving economic situation. More than one million people a year contact money advice organisations for help, and the Money Advice Trust estimates that this figure has risen 5 per cent during the last 12 months.

The Money Advice Trust yesterday announced an expansion of the National Debtline telephone service to cover Scotland and Northern Ireland and extend its opening hours from 22 to 32 hours a week. The service has seen a five-fold increase in calls since it first opened in England and Wales nine years ago.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Pillar Property buys Four Seasons lease

PILLAR Property Investment has acquired the leasehold of the Four Seasons Shopping Centre in Mansfield for £23.75 million through PillarCaisse, its joint venture subsidiary. The purchase, from Legal & General, gives PillarCaisse a portfolio of six shopping centres with a total area of more than one million sq ft. The Mansfield shopping centre has a 500-space multistorey car park and includes Debenhams, Boots, Burtons and Littlewoods among its tenants.

With 105 years to run, the acquisition will bring in 231,000 sq ft in retail space, generate £2.1 million in net rental per year and produce a yield of 8.6 per cent. PillarCaisse will consider a programme of refurbishment and improvement to the shopping centre, which has not been altered since 1976. Last June, the company raised £44 million through a placing and open offer to finance the expansion of its retail interests, in particular retail parks and shopping centres.

Hewden Stuart expands

HEWDEN STUART, the plant and tool hire group, has bought Agent Plant Group from Kvaerner Construction for £9.35 million in cash. The buy is the company's largest in three years and expands its presence in the South East. Sandy Findlay, Hewden's chief executive, hopes to save money by pooling operations in Grangemouth, Teesside, Doncaster and Cardiff, where Hewden already operates.

Epwin buys Profiles

EPWIN Group, which makes plastic windows and doors, is paying £3.2 million to Lilleshall to buy D J Profiles, an extruded rubber and plastic sealants business. In 1995, D J Profiles made operating profits of £446,000 on £5 million turnover. The deal will raise Lilleshall's net book assets by £1.45 million but, because of goodwill changes, it will incur a net £461,000 charge against 1996 profits.

Wragg to head Partco

PARTCO, the distributor of spare parts for cars, has named Phil Wragg as its first managing director. Mr Wragg, a former marketing director of Lucas Service, will report to Peter Redfern, Partco's chief executive, as part of the company's move to expand its board. Christopher Scott, Partco's current finance director, has also agreed to double as head of its corporate development.

Three new tenants for shops plaza

BY NOEL FUNG

TOP ESTATES, a specialist in town-centre shopping complexes, has secured three new tenants for its Leeds Shopping Plaza, confirming the city's growing appeal to high street retailers.

A Virgin Megastore, the largest outside London with 23,000 sq ft in retail space, and a branch of New Look, the clothing chain, will open next month. JJB Sports Superstore will start trading in the spring. The moves follow the widely publicised opening of a Harvey Nichols outlet in Leeds.

The three new stores, together with another anchor store under construction, will increase the retail space in the plaza by 66,800 sq ft.

Top Estates bought the 315,000 sq ft-shopping centre in mid-1994 for £61 million and has earmarked £15 million for refurbishment. Everard Goodman, chairman, said the introduction of the stores was "an example of our policy to increase and improve useable space".

The refurbishment is expected to bring in a total of usable retail space of 82,000 sq ft.

Hedge fund woos private investors

BY ROBERT MILLER

PRIVATE investors are being targeted by a new international hedge fund that aims to make money from falling world equity markets as well as rising ones.

Finsbury Asset Management, better known for its stable of six investment trusts, is looking to raise between $50 million and $100 million for the Finsbury International Hedge Investment Company (Fihic), a closed-ended vehicle, incorporated in Guernsey and listed on the London Stock Exchange. To give more retail investor appeal to the newcomer, which will be a fund of funds investing in other hedge funds, Finsbury will extend its £50 a month investment trust savings scheme to Fihic.

Anthony Townsend, managing director of Finsbury, estimates the global hedge fund market is worth more than £200 billion. He added, however, that the public perception of hedge funds is that they are too risky or that all share the same investment strategy as the Quantum hedge funds run by George Soros, who made $1 billion betting against sterling in the 1992 currency crisis.

Mr Townsend said: "We believe there may be more retail investor interest than at first thought." Minimum investment in the new hedge fund, which unlike many rivals will not speculate on currencies, interest rates and commodities but almost solely on equities, is about £7,000.

The Guernsey arm of Rea Brothers, the merchant bank group of which Finsbury is a member, will manage Fihic while the investment manager will be International Asset Management (IAM).

Multimedia age hits the high street

BY A CORRESPONDENT

BT is to launch a new network of kiosks that will bring the multimedia age into the high street, giving shoppers easy access to information and services.

Touchpoint is a touch-screen interactive kiosk that will offer up-to-the-minute information on sport, news, weather and leisure facilities. Consumers will be able to browse free of charge, but will have to pay for more detailed information and printouts.

Users of Touchpoint, which is being piloted over the next six weeks in 200 kiosks in London and the South East before a nationwide launch, will be able to book holidays, flights, theatre, cinema, music and events tickets; order flowers, wine and gifts; and take up special offers and enter competitions.

The kiosks — in shopping areas, tourist sites, motorway service stations, hotels and colleges — offer a high-quality touch-sensitive screen and phone handset for free contact.

The menu of services available through Touchpoint has been assembled with help from companies such as British Airways, Thomson Holidays, Halifax, Thresher and Interflora. At the heart of each kiosk is a specially designed ICL CD-Rom computer. It also contains a printer for providing tickets and road maps. Rupert Gavin, director of BT's multimedia services, said: "The Touchpoint kiosk represents an important step in bringing advanced multimedia applications within the reach of a general public environment."

He added: "With only a fraction of the population currently able to access the Internet for shopping information and services, Touchpoint brings multimedia within the public's reach."

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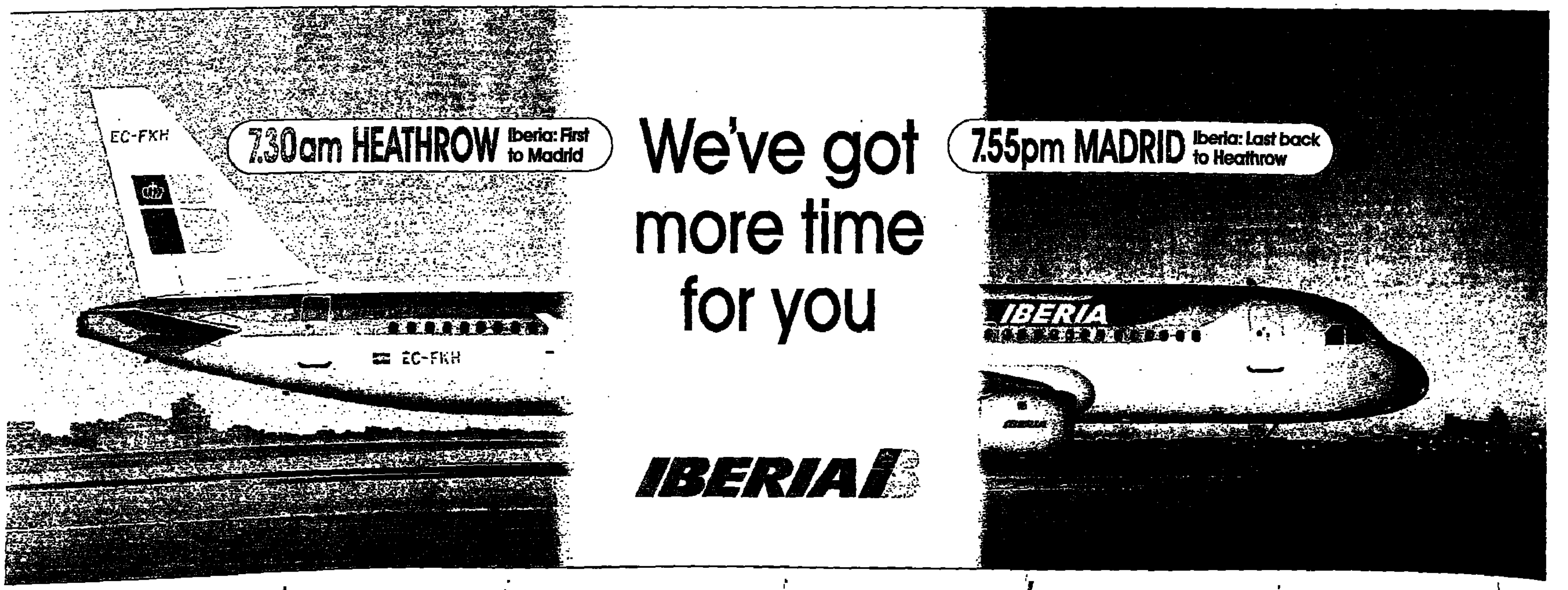
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Groland Amer	225.70	238.80	- 2.50	0.14
Groland Equity	288.40	306.80	+ 3.60	1.88
Groland Euro	270.00	285.80	- 1.00	0.57
Groland Extr Bal	134.30	139.70		2.53
Groland Gilt	76.29	78.81	+ 0.30	6.37
Groland Japan	155.98	165.00	- 2.50	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	684.50	728.20†		2.39
General Inc	571.40	607.90†	..	2.38
UK Growth Acc	470.60	500.70†	...	2.55
UK Growth Inc	304.90	324.00†		2.55
Higher Inc Acc	809.70	861.40†	.	4.04
Higher Inc Inc	431.30	458.90†	.	4.02
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	213.70	225.60†	...	5.42
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.56	98.81†		5.42
Nth America	374.90	398.90†		
Europe	362.80	385.80†	..	0.47
Brit Exdall	*92.84*	*98.77*		*2.66*
Brit Fndmtls Acc	115.70	123.10†		4.56
Brit Fndmtls Inc	77.40	82.35†		4.50
Global Opps	102.80	109.40		
Balanced Acc	63.99	68.08†	...	2.52
Balanced Inc	59.69	63.50†	...	2.52
Japan Acc	43.08	45.84†		
Pac Basin Acc	402.30	428.00†		0.53
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	132.50	140.70†	+ 1.00	6.54
High Inc Equity	183.90	196.70†	+ 1.60	4.38
Worldwide Bond	278.00	294.80	- 2.00	4.99
American Growth	382.70	409.10	- 5.50	0.31
Asian Pacific	317.10	339.10	- 6.00	0.08
Assets & Earnings	314.50	336.40	+ 2.40	2.75
Euro Capital Acc	186.70	199.70	- 0.70	0.79
Extra Inc	43.58	46.36†	+ 0.31	7.73
General	287.80	306.20	+ 2.50	2.86
Global Opps	68.83	73.22	- 0.24	0.55
Japan	107.90	115.40	- 1.50	
Managed Inc	48.31	51.39†	+ 0.24	4.67
Mastertrust	168.80	180.50	- 0.20	1.07
US Emerging Cos	209.30	222.70	- 2.30	...
Ethical	82.27	87.52	+ 0.38	2.48
International	136.50	144.20	- 1.00	0.38
Dividend & Growth	68.87	73.27	+ 0.57	4.19
Global Gwth & Sec	73.46	78.51	- 0.08	2.37
Latin America	64.06	68.15	- 1.44	
Capital Reserve	145.80	145.80		4.80
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2377.00	2471.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	60.92	63.21†	- 0.80	0.15
Emerging Mkts	70.68	74.75	- 0.99	0.05
European	150.10	156.10	- 0.70	
Exempt	1105.00	1163.00†	...	1.60
Extra Income #	46.94	50.02†	+ 0.06	6.50
Far East Emg Eco	127.60	133.90	- 1.90	0.47
Fixed Interest #	25.80	28.83	+ 0.03	8.85
Fixed Inv Tst	154.10	161.70†	- 0.20	9.49
Japan	164.90	171.30	- 3.00	
Latin American	58.56	60.98	- 1.10	0.60
Pacific	82.31	86.43	- 1.28	0.30
Property Share	71.97	75.55	+ 0.09	2.33
UK Emerging Cos	71.27	77.03	+ 0.08	1.25
UK Growth	54.99	57.98†	+ 0.27	2.02
Aber World Port #	82.98	84.60	- 0.08	3.42
Ethical	78.05	81.18	- 0.28	2.17
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.94	50.99†	+ 0.07	7.27
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resid Property #	98.91	108.40		5.27
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	92.70	98.36†	+ 0.18	2.24
Income Builder Inc	82.96	88.25	+ 0.98	4.10
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	291.50	311.60†	+ 0.50	2.98
Capital	512.40	547.70†	+ 1.00	1.15
Balanced	853.10	911.90	+ 1.80	2.38
Accumulator	1637.00	1749.00†	+ 2.00	1.78
Income Trusts				
American Income	61.80	65.890	- 0.26	2.42
High Income	467.30	499.50†	+ 1.20	4.27
Equity Income	265.50	283.80	+ 0.80	3.91
High Yield	294.10	309.70†	+ 0.90	3.96
Govt Securities	34.18	36.090†	+ 0.01	6.05
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	214.30	228.70†	- 1.70	0.05
European Growth	53.02	56.460	- 0.02	0.07
International	185.60	198.40	- 1.40	0.11
Japan	185.40	198.10	- 2.70	
Pacific	398.00	425.40	- 6.20	
Secs of America	589.40	627.80	-03.00	0.13
Wwide Accel Val	55.68	59.520	- 0.32	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	658.00	703.40	+ 1.30	1.94
Conv & Gilt	51.41	54.950	+ 0.16	3.86
Smaller Cos	209.30	223.70	- 0.80	1.02
2nd Smaller Cos	198.40	212.00†	+ 0.70	0.87
Recovery	173.70	185.60†	+ 0.30	1.52
Met Min & Cdty	166.90	178.40†		0.17
Overs Earnings	436.30	466.30	+ 1.00	1.04
Technology	221.50	236.70†	- 1.40	
UK Special Sits	598.10	639.30	+ 1.40	0.98
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnbstd Dst Pens	120.60	125.20		3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	71.94	74.74		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	87.22	92.79	+ 0.34	1.15
International	69.90	74.36		..
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	349.80	373.00†	- 4.80	..
Bond	118.90	125.10†	+ 0.80	6.69
Brit Smlr Cos	119.80	127.40		1.75
Conv & Gen #	70.21	74.69	+ 0.28	5.23
Europe	281.40	298.50	- 0.20	0.59
Euro Smlr Cos	125.10	132.70	- 0.60	0.56
Income Gwth	364.90	388.20†	+ 0.70	4.89
Japan	290.10	308.40†	- 4.50	
Latin American	83.64	88.98	- 1.41	0.78
Pacific	111.50	118.60	- 2.10	1.02
UK Smlr Cos	60.24	64.09	+ 0.37	1.25
Japan Fd	603.60	621.20	-10.60	
Mngd Fd	204.00	216.80	- 0.10	2.77
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	376.80	398.60	...	0.89
Capital Gwth	131.90	*139.50*		*3.10*
Wwide Opps	222.50	235.40		0.92
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	430.40	459.90†	+ 4.10	2.43
European Bd Inc	98.02	101.50	+ 1.60	6.45
Exempt	84.99	90.46†	+ 0.73	2.79
500	511.80	559.30	+ 1.50	2.33
General	334.90	358.70†	+ 3.60	2.48
Property	246.50	264.50		5.11
Trustee	232.20	248.40	+ 2.20	2.27
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†		5.09
Distribution @ #	114.50	115.10	+ 0.90	5.87
Extra Income #	138.70	148.40†	+ 1.20	4.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.26	61.33	+ 0.35	7.78
Income #	601.70	643.80	+ 6.20	4.53
Income Builder #	70.27	74.98	+ 0.61	5.26
Intl Income	71.56	76.12		2.39
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	146.00	156.20	+ 1.00	1.92
FTSE 100	105.50	110.20	+ 1.20	2.56
Leisure	180.20	192.70	+ 0.40	0.76
Recovery	505.40	548.50	+ 3.40	2.63
Smlr Cos Inc	59.84	63.98	+ 0.14	2.31
Special Sits	405.80	435.00	+ 3.70	1.44
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	172.30	182.90	- 2.50	0.37
F East Gwth Acc	284.90	303.80	- 3.70	1.42
Far East Gwth	170.40	181.60	- 2.20	1.42
Euro Gwth Inc	191.60	203.30	- 0.70	0.38
-do- Accum	208.30	221.10	- 0.80	0.38
Japan	138.40	146.50	- 1.80	
-do- Accum	140.80	148.20	- 1.80	
Japan Spec Sits	64.32	68.59	- 0.98	.
Worldwide	195.90	208.60	- 1.70	0.32
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	133.10	140.60	- 2.30	
Amer Smlr Cos	163.30	175.70	- 2.50	...
Convertibles	61.56	65.65†	+ 0.09	4.60
Eastern	292.10	314.00	- 0.60	0.30
Equity Income #	100.30	107.40†	+ 0.60	4.20
European Growth	358.00	380.80	- 2.50	0.80
Europe	354.70	378.40	- 2.90	0.80
German Growth	86.25	91.37	- 0.30	0.50
Global Bond	72.14	75.86	- 0.30	6.20
Global Growth	143.40	152.20	- 1.90	0.40
Japan Growth	181.60	193.10	- 2.40	.
Japan Sunrise	149.50	158.70	- 2.50	.
Korea Trust	59.11	64.13	- 2.08	
Portfolio	146.70	156.90	- 0.10	2.00
-do- Accum	278.00	297.40	- 0.10	2.00
UK Growth	108.20	116.20	+ 0.80	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	99.38	107.90†		1.90
Select Managers	89.32	95.74	- 0.43	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	88.68	94.55		
Special Oppor Inc	59.83	63.65		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	144.56	152.38†	+ 1.32	1.40
-do- Accum	168.25	178.88†	+ 1.54	1.40
Smaller Cos	152.50	161.38	+ 0.15	0.68
Higher Yield #	58.33	61.73†	+ 0.54	4.08
American Gth Inc	101.22	107.11	- 1.28	
European Growth	164.43	173.99†	- 0.65	
-do- Accum	167.73	177.49	- 0.67	
Global Bond Inc #	26.07	26.99	- 0.29	4.52
Mngd Ptolio Inc	52.96	56.02†	- 0.17	1.40
-do- Accum	54.97	58.14	- 0.18	1.40
Intl Spec Opps	164.56	174.14	- 1.17	
Pacific Gth	141.98	150.23	- 2.80	
UK General #	98.72	104.46	+ 1.10	2.77
-do- Accum #	105.62	111.76	+ 1.18	2.77
Japan	53.71	56.83	- 0.84	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	*101.84*	*105.53*	*+ 0.61*	*8.28*
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.85	67.74	+ 0.14	6.41
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	191.80	201.90	+ 0.40	1.78
UK Growth	216.10	227.50	+ 1.90	2.01
UK Income	149.38	157.10†	+ 1.30	4.41
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	239.10	252.40	- 0.50	1.57
-do- Income Dist	127.50	135.10	+ 1.00	3.70
-do- Accum	417.60	442.80	+ 3.00	3.70
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.22	43.32	+ 0.19	6.28
Growth Units	259.90	278.00	+ 1.70	1.95
Bond	177.40	186.60	+ 0.70	6.90
Intl Growth	241.60	257.20	- 2.70	0.20
North American	258.10	274.80	- 4.10	0.10
Far East	298.40	319.10	- 6.00	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	224.70	240.30		0.94
European	96.66	102.40	- 0.50	0.53
Japanese Growth	43.14	45.75	- 0.82	
High Income	222.80	238.10†	+ 2.00	4.14
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7456				
American & Gen	219.10	232.70†	- 2.70	
European Inc	93.80	99.33	- 0.45	0.49
Smaller Cos (4-1)	109.60	116.70†		1.50
Growth	568.30	596.80	+ 3.70	1.75
Income & Growth #	465.40	495.20	+ 3.40	3.81
-do- Accum #	703.50	748.50	+ 5.20	3.81
Japan & Gen	61.62	65.37	- 1.01	...
Master Portfolio	£121.62	£125.66†	+ 4.00	1.81
-do- Accum	£159.36	£165.36	+ 5.00	1.81
Special Sits	129.40	137.70		1.88
High Yield	£15.23	£15.71	+ 9.00	4.22

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	103.10	109.94	- 0.10	2.31
American Portfolio	124.12	131.87	- 0.82	0.85
European Portfolio	135.32	143.87†	- 0.53	0.61
High Income	52.89	53.01	+ 0.30	6.96
Japanese Portfolio	63.39	67.18	- 1.11	
Pacific Portfolio	155.57	167.28	- 2.59	1.39
UK Equity	98.34	105.12†	+ 0.74	3.02
UK Equity & Bd	59.26	62.79	+ 0.31	6.09
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	789.40	801.34		4.17
Fxd Int Sec	157.20	157.84	.	9.06
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	773.59	785.29	..	4.30
Investment Acc	£36.67	£36.20		
Fixed Int Inc	*127.31*	*127.83*	.	*9.07*
Fixed Int Acc	231.90	232.82	..	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Inc	89.74	94.61†		3.97
Beck Bio-Tech	44.00	47.76		
Acorn Ethical Tst	198.61	200.16		0.44
City Fin Assets	83.75	87.85†	- 0.85	2.24
City Fin Intl	91.73	96.32†		0.45
Friars Hse Cap	325.83	346.63	- 0.82	2.43
Buckley Wrld Gth	143.09	151.67†		
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	58.59	59.42		3.21
Shaw Utilities	57.03	54.10	+ 1.04	6.27
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	54.58	57.91	- 0.80	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 238				
American Gwth	80.14	85.25	- 1.07	
Dragon Growth	70.53	75.43	- 1.41	0.44
Equity High Inc	90.61	97.08	+ 0.30	4.01
-do- Accum	131.15	140.51	+ 0.42	4.01
Extra Income Inc	26.62	28.03†	+ 0.13	7.36
Extra Income Acc	29.29	30.84	+ 0.13	7.38
European Gwth	63.13	66.98	- 0.26	0.88
Evergreen	31.63	33.82	- 0.15	0.83
General Equity	106.42	112.91	+ 0.59	2.81
Japan Growth	45.15	48.08	- 0.66	
Pedigree Gwth	65.31	70.03	+ 0.32	2.28
Ped Sm Cos Inc	38.14	41.07	+ 0.01	1.40
-do- Accum	40.41	43.45	+ 0.01	1.40
Retirement Inc #	27.74	29.98	+ 0.12	5.63
Special Sits	47.00	50.54	+ 0.16	2.38
UK & Overseas	56.75	63.39	- 0.18	0.69
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	70.48	73.41	+ 0.34	4.11
Capital	84.68	88.20	+ 0.38	2.60
High Income	52.48	54.86	+ 0.31	6.64
Top 90	57.45	59.84	+ 0.45	2.56
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	196.85	205.05†	+ 0.74	4.48
Long Gilt	43.47	45.26†	+ 0.34	6.11
Monthly Inc Plus	50.24	52.33	+ 0.30	8.56
Preference Share	47.07	49.03†	+ 0.30	7.95
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.88	148.83†	+ 0.92	5.73
Managed Fund	76.83	80.03†	- 0.15	2.72
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.78	56.02	+ 0.03	1.69
-do- Accum	63.57	66.22	+ 0.04	1.69
UK & General	99.47	103.61†	+ 0.48	2.86
-do- Accum	130.82	136.27†	+ 0.64	2.86
UK Growth	201.61	210.01	+ 0.86	1.34
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	209.67	218.41	- 1.01	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	132.38	137.90	- 2.24	0.02
Global Bond	78.47	81.74†	- 0.76	6.06
Japan Growth	104.21	108.55	- 1.68	
North Amer Gth	237.39	247.28	- 3.08	
Oriental Growth	83.03	86.49	- 1.53	0.27
Worldwide Growth	72.45	75.47	- 0.74	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.71	91.71†	+ 0.03	5.10
Homemaker Fund	92.88	98.81	+ 0.12	1.53
Quilter Fund	158.56	168.68	+ 1.14	1.89
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	*36.12*	*38.65*	.	*4.29*
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	181.60	193.20†	+ 0.60	1.93
Income	74.03	78.76	+ 0.35	4.60
European	74.84	79.62	- 0.24	1.19
Recovery	194.20	206.60	+ 0.30	2.19
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1019.30	1034.30		3.26
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.50	119.60†	...	1.15
Income #	290.80	309.38†	+ 1.10	4.53
-do- Accum #	776.20	825.10†	+ 2.90	4.53
Smaller Cos	238.20	253.30		0.85
-do- Accum	295.70	314.50	.	0.85
Gth Portfolio	104.40	111.00	+ 0.50	1.28
High Inc Port #	84.93	90.35	+ 0.24	4.21
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 479 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1681.90	1732.40		
Japan Small Cos	1116.20	1137.30		0.01
UK Small Cos	2220.80	2313.20		2.86
US Small Cos	2136.50	2209.50		0.84
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	235.80	248.30		3.00
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	176.20	187.40	+ 1.70	1.72
UK High Inc Inc	183.70	195.40	+ 1.80	3.65
-do- Accum	248.10	263.90	+ 2.40	3.65
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.18	63.86	+ 0.54	5.79
Euromkt Opps	99.83	106.20	+ 0.90	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	70.32	74.80	+ 0.08	0.80
Extra Income Inc	49.77	52.94	+ 0.35	7.82
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	175.60	186.00	- 1.80	0.43
Convertibles #	23.49	24.86	+ 0.10	5.61
Equity Income #	145.10	154.30†	+ 0.50	3.89
EuroFund	63.20	67.88	- 0.31	0.60
Financial	56.08	59.59†	+ 0.02	1.51
Growth & Inc #	294.80	313.20	+ 0.70	2.79
High Dist #	184.40	195.90	+ 0.40	4.34
International	429.30	456.10	- 3.90	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	102.68	109.00†	- 1.20	2.48
Latin American	32.06	34.08	- 0.57	
Pacific	79.75	84.73†	- 1.21	
Prml High Inc	22.46	23.85†	+ 0.15	7.56
Tokyo	207.80	219.70†	- 1.70	...
UK Smaller Cos	257.20	273.30	+ 1.90	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	331.80	350.50	- 1.20	1.03
Jap Smlr Co	399.80	424.50	- 7.40	
Nth Amer	427.00	452.40	- 4.30	0.65
UK Inc & Gth	255.20	273.10†	+ 1.20	2.71
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	117.72	125.90	- 1.59	1.11
Growth Acc	259.79	277.24	- 3.15	1.10
Income	620.75	663.90	+ 5.52	6.02
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	*228.00*	*242.60†*		*1.00*
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	91.07	95.88	- 0.14	2.00
Ethical Tst	46.76	49.22	- 0.31	0.85
Far Eastern	294.49	309.99	- 3.69	1.66
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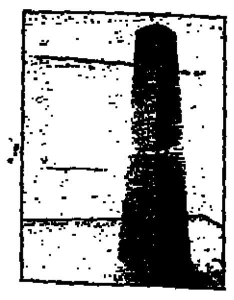

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VISUAL ART: A gripe from America's richest museum; and a review of David Nash's latest carvings

Getty boss attacks 'bent' British rules

WHEN John Walsh travels to Britain — about five times a year — he can perhaps be excused for reserving a steely glare for the Customs officers at Heathrow Airport. Walsh, director of the Getty Museum in California, has repeatedly been frustrated in attempts to export historic artworks from the United Kingdom.

Each time this mild-mannered specialist in 17th-century Dutch painting arrives on British soil, the native art community strikes up a cacophany like the theme music to *Jaws*. Such is Whitehall's apparent dislike of the Getty, its fear that the fantastically-endowed American museum is about to snatch another precious British *objet* and ship it from our shores, that officialdom appears willing to tweak the rules to safeguard our heritage.

Walsh, who has been at the Getty for 13 years, is prone to lose his rag over the art export licence debate. Now he has angrily attacked what he calls the "opportunistic quasi-collectors" who have rallied to the anti-Getty cause in Britain. However, one benefactor who has played a part in thwarting the Getty Museum is John Paul Getty II, son of the museum's late founder.

Walsh also rails against a British art establishment which, he claims, preserves art for its own purposes. He resents the depiction of the Getty as the rich vulture, looking to pick clean the poor British state. "Are you joking?" he exclaims. "With the National Lottery funds, the British Government has more in art acquisition funds than the rest of us put together."

The most notorious of the Getty's failed purchases was the Canova statue of *The Three Graces*, saved in 1994 courtesy of the "Ridley rules" — named after the former Trade Secretary Nicholas Ridley — which gave British art lovers added opportunity to stop work leaving beloved Albion. Walsh, who is still fizzing with fury about losing the Canova, says: "*The Graces* was the single case of recent years with the largest number of irregularities. It opened up a whole new era of opportunistic measures."

What Ridley did was to permit the Government to delay granting an export licence if there was a chance of an individual matching the offer from the foreign gallery. Beforehand, the Government had been allowed only to consider matching bids from domestic institutions. When described by Walsh, the Ridley rules are made to sound like the product of a corrupt Latin American regime.

RICHARD ROSS

The Getty Museum's John Walsh claims that art saved "for the nation" may end up in private hands

Critics of Ridley say that the current arrangements allow individuals to benefit from the price negotiated (often with some skill) by a foreign museum such as the Getty, and then to sell on the work for profit immediately afterwards. The individual might also choose to show the work of art, supposedly saved "for the nation", only to his chums — or, as Walsh angrily puts it, "on the walls of some country house in Norfolk". There is also the fear that individuals could pay for artworks and offset them against tax to an unattractive but not illegal extent. Jacob Rothschild proposed such a deal to save *The Graces*, although eventually the statue was "saved" by a consortium which included the Dutch-born industrialist Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza.

The Getty's most recent disappointment was its failure this summer to buy a Guercino masterpiece, *Erminia Finding the Wounded Tancred*, for which it had offered $5.42 million (£3.4 million). In a tax-assisted wheeze, the Guercino was kept in Britain by a $3.1 million offer from the Scottish National Gallery, whose pugnacious director, Timothy Clifford, said: "It's great to succeed against the richest museum in the world."

Walsh, although still angry about that episode, is determined not to give up on Britain. But, given that the Getty is an American museum, why does it bother? Why not concentrate on new stuff? Should the art of old Europe be a concern for the New World?

Walsh says that it should. The historic British collections, he says, "remain the measure of what is a beautiful drawing and an intelligent way of life — and have been profoundly influential on America". For this reason, he says, his curators "continue to travel fairly often" throughout Britain and Europe looking for purchases. "However, we need an explicit laying-out of the rules and the procedures for exporting art from Britain. The system as it is serves nobody apart from a few opportunistic quasi-collectors who take advantage of the Ridley rules.

"We are here for the long pull. We will take the ups and downs, we will take our licks. But the system was designed to be fair. In a series of cases the rules were bent, deadlines were ignored and the whole system was refashioned to suit each little emergency. The art trade in Britain is suffering from this. Given the chance of buying a comparable work of art in Britain and, say, Switzerland, there is no doubt about which way we would go."

Walsh claims that even the British acknowledge the arbitrary nature of the rules. "I find that a remarkable number of British academics take me to one side and apologise for what goes on," he says.

However, he appears not to grasp fully the politics of the art export debate. It is perhaps not easy for a Californian to understand how a former imperial power feels about a newly-created gallery on the other side of the world selecting art works from the national table like a diner lifting ham on to his plate. His plea, instead, is for "fairness" and he insists that, by speaking up now, he is merely voicing the frustrations of acquisitive galleries around the world.

"There is a real worry among people in the trade and I speak as one of many foreign buyers," he says. "A system meant to save works of art for Britain and put them in public institutions has put them back in private hands. At the Getty we show everything we have got, virtually. British people might well ask what *is* the catastrophe of another painting leaving a house in Norfolk, where a handful of people see it, and going to the Getty museum, where it will be cared for and seen by a million and a half people a year — and seen by many more British people than would ever see it in Norfolk?"

QUENTIN LETTS

Heart of oak, elm and ash

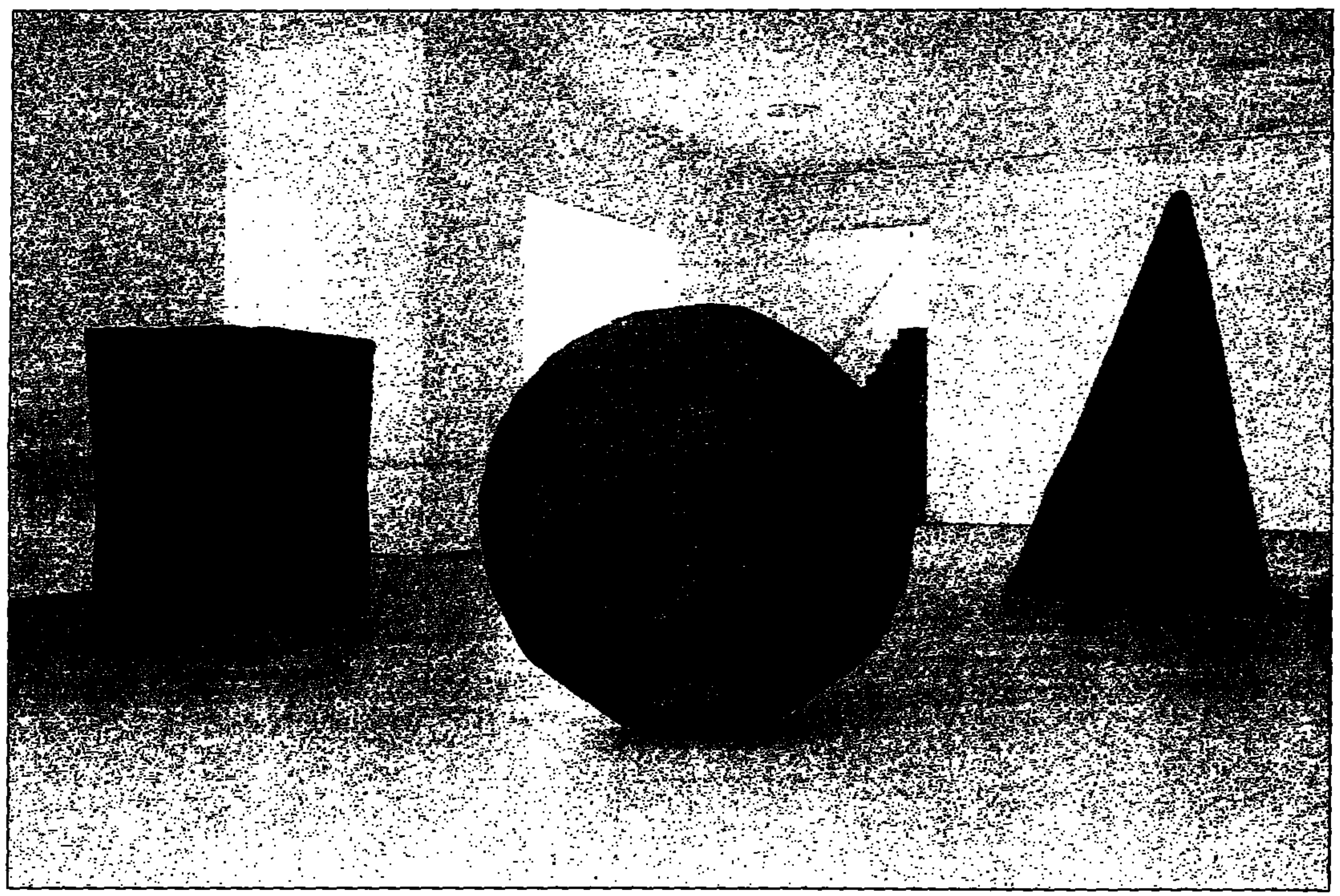
Richard Cork on sculptor David Nash's love affair with wood

Among the young British sculptors who turned to the land for inspiration in the late 1960s, David Nash has always been distinguished by his consuming passion for wood. While Nash's exact contemporary Richard Long used anything he could find on his epic walks through the countryside, Nash the carver remained faithful to unseasoned fallen timber. He also stayed put in the remote Welsh mining town of Blaenau Ffestiniog, where a Victorian Nonconformist chapel has served as his lofty studio ever since he bought it in 1968 for just over £200. Here, in an airy and luminous space dominated by a Welsh wall inscription calling on the congregation to "sanctify this house with prayer", Nash's love affair with elm, oak, pine, beech and ash still flourishes today.

His own roots in the area go back to childhood, when Nash's family spent the school holidays in the Vale of Ffestiniog. Its beauty was instrumental in persuading him to move there at the age of 21. But Blaenau is startlingly at odds with the sublime allure of the Snowdonia National Park surrounding it. Visitors making their way to Nash's studio are often disconcerted to discover the starkness of the setting. Julian Andrews, in his handsome new book on the sculptor (Lund Humphries, £45), describes it as "a black moonscape of abandoned quarries and slate tips".

After a while, though, Nash's involvement with such a wounded locale makes redemptive sense. For his healing imagination is governed by the need to honour the wood he carves. Everything he produces is charged with a keen awareness of the material's fundamental identity, and draws strength from his desire to give dead timber new life.

In defiance of the post-industrial obsolescence around him, then, Nash insists on rebirth. Indeed, he is perhaps best known for the open-air projects carried out near his home. The *Ash Dome* is still growing in the 30ft circle he planted at Cae'n-y-Coed in 1977, on a woodland site inherited from his father. Every ten years the 22 trees are cut and bent over, so that they will eventually meet in a canopy. Nash relishes the long-term nature of such an enterprise and accommodates himself to the slow, seasonal rhythm of a nurturing process that would infuriate more impatient artists.



Trial by fire: *Sphere, Pyramid, Cube* (1996) by David Nash. "The constituent parts may be damaged, but they retain their geometric identities"

How can these concerns be conveyed in a gallery setting? The question is prompted by a flurry of substantial shows devoted to Nash's work this autumn. The largest, a two-part survey of his sculpture and drawings at the Henry Moore Institute and neighbouring Leeds City Art Gallery, contains some evocative images of his outdoor activities. For Nash uses drawing to meditate on the relationship between his planted works and the landscape they inhabit. With great economy, he deploys an unorthodox mixture of graphite, earth, charcoal and pastel to define the forms of planted larches at Cae'n-y-Coed. Although the emphasis on new growth is optimistic enough, Nash is conscious of its vulnerability. One 1978 charcoal and earth study of a single tree on the *Ash Dome* site stresses the trunk's slender frailty. Elsewhere, a 1974 wax crayon and graphite drawing of Blaenau slate tip shows how intently he scrutinised his own damp and shadowy habitat.

At the Henry Moore Institute, his attentiveness to the intrinsic nature of wood is inescapable. We become intensely aware of the cedar, palm and Australian pine in different pieces, handled with a respect allying him to the doctrine of "truth to materials" that nourished so many fine carvings in early 20th-century Britain. By the 1930s, however, even its most heartfelt adherents were moving away from their dependence on the stimulus provided by a block of wood or stone. Hepworth and Moore devoted much of their energy after the Second World War to bronze, and the young Nash was himself excited by encountering Caro's revolutionary metal sculpture in the 1960s. By resurrecting "truth to materials" a decade later, he might have laid himself open to accusations of nostalgic revivalism.

The truth is, though, that Nash's carvings are quite different from the work produced by Epstein, Gaudier, Gill and their successors. They invariably chiselled their blocks into heads or figures, whereas he relies on retaining and cherishing the essential character of the timber in question. A three-piece sculpture called *Wall Sheaves* presents clusters of beech, sliced to a delicate thinness and up-ended very simply in vertical ranks. Although they hint at the density of a forest, Nash does not strive to make them undergo a metamorphosis. They are what they are, without any sense of strain.

This lightness of touch distinguishes the deft incisions in a tall lime carving called *Crack and Warp Column*. As its title implies, Nash welcomes the natural fissures and undulations that appear in a work after completion. Working with wind-felled rather than processed timber, he regards the subsequent bending and splitting of the wood as an inevitable and integral part of the sculpture. The pleasure afforded by his work depends to a remarkable extent on a willingness to let the unseasoned material benefit from these anticipated accidents. They make me want to run my fingers over the carvings' pitted surfaces, exploring the widest and deepest clefts with as much relish as I might experience when touching the rifts in a tree-trunk.

Just how much Nash himself savours irregularities in wood can be gauged from the permanent sculpture he recently installed in Manor Gardens, the parkland setting of the Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne. Fascinated by the weathered groynes on the nearby seafront, he chose a group due for replacement. They now stand upright in a loose circle, bordered by a low wall of sliced timbers. The gnarled presences assert themselves with surprising potency, creating a contemplative place within the gardens and testifying to the incessant action of the sea over 25 years. Nash calls the work *Eighteen Thousand Tides*, highlighting the remorseless erosion of each oak buttress. But all these shingle-clogged pillars look remarkably resilient in their new enclosure, given an extended lease of life by a sculptor who relies here to a greater extent than ever on the unaltered strength of "found" objects.

> ❝ Nash honours the wood that he carves ❞

As a rule, though, Nash retains the right to shape and alter the wood he selects. In a powerful and satisfying new show at the Annely Juda Gallery, each work occupies the white space with impressive assurance. A tripartite elm sculpture reveals Nash at his darkest, exploring the injured forms of a cube, sphere and pyramid. All three have been gashed open, disclosing interiors charred by fire. They look like survivors of a sacrifical ritual, and the scorch marks have in some places besmirched the warmth of the form's exterior as well. There is nothing tragic about this sculpture, however. Its constituent parts may be damaged and blackened, but they stay firmly in position and retain their geometric identities.

As if to emphasise the durability of his burnt sculpture, Nash allows a black cross to emerge defiantly from the charred surface of his exhibit in a mixed sculpture show at Jesus College, Cambridge. Reflecting the discernment and enthusiasm of the Master, Colin Renfrew, this excellent quincentenary show ensures that Nash's contribution is installed in a location as felicitous as those enjoyed by all the other exhibits.

But the happiest marriage of site and carving is achieved at Annely Juda, where the three thin, elongated parts of his superb *Spiral Sheaves* twist and intertwine on their way to the skylight. All hewn from a single piece of oak, these fragile-seeming slivers resemble at first the shell-shattered trees painted by the sculptor's namesake Paul Nash during the First World War. Ultimately, though, the poise and gracefulness of *Spiral Sheaves* overcome any sense of melancholy. Like so many of his finest carvings, they seem to be caught in the process of growing as they stretch upwards, striving for the source of the sunlight.

● *David Nash at the Henry Moore Institute and City Art Gallery Leeds (01132 343158) until Nov 24; at Annely Juda (0171-629 7578) until Dec 21; and at Jesus College Cambridge until this evening.*

CLASSICAL CHOICE

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Music of C.P.E. Bach
Reviewed by Richard Wigmore

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FOR most music-lovers in the last quarter of the 18th century, the name "Bach" meant not Johann Sebastian but his most talented son, Carl Philipp Emanuel (1714-88), who spent much of his life as harpsichordist at Frederick the Great's Berlin court. In the 19th century, though, C.P.E. Bach's stock plummeted as his father's rose. But recently Emanuel Bach has benefited from the general surge of interest in 18th-century music and, especially, in period keyboard instruments. His best works reveal him as one of the most original figures of the century, a wayward, wilful spirit, with more than a touch of the romantic visionary.

There are several desirable recordings of Bach's keyboard music, including **Bob van Asperen**'s three-disc mid-price sets of the early "Prussian" and "Württemberg" sonatas (Teldec 9031 77623-2). But for a single disc of Bach's keyboard works you won't do better than a recital by **Andreas Staier**: colourful and poetic performances, using a harpsichord in the earlier works and a fortepiano in a late piece like the witty, Haydnish Fantasia in C (Deutsche Harmonia Mundi RD 77025, £15.49).

Bach's handful of concertos for flute and for cello have turned up quite often on CD, and I would single out an exhilarating disc of cello concertos with **Anner Bylsma** (Virgin Classics, VC7 59541-2). The vast majority of his 50-odd concertos, though, are for the harpsichord. A few years after leaving Berlin for Hamburg in 1768, he composed a set of six bold and volatile harpsichord concertos. The music's inspired unpredictability is relished by van Asperen on a Virgin Classics two-disc set at mid-price (VCD 5 45094-2).

Outstanding among Bach's many choral works composed in Hamburg are the beautiful Resurrection cantata, *Die Auferstehung und Himmelfahrt Jesu*, and the monumental *Heilig*, for double choir and orchestra. The *Heilig* comes on a disc in Capriccio's C.P.E. Bach Edition, which also features Bach's picturesque setting of Klopstock's *Morning Hymn* (Capriccio, 10208). But if I were confined to just one Bach CD, it would have to be the Archiv disc of the six string symphonies composed in 1773. The performances by **Trevor Pinnock** and the **English Concert** are as stunning as the music itself (Archiv 415 300-2).

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AROUND THE GALLERIES

A GALLERY with a rough wooden floor has been unfussily converted to make a particularly suitable space for this kind of exhibition. A strong reminder of past function enhances rather than interferes with this minimal material. Three exceedingly simple small white paintings made by **Robert Ryman** in 1993 are fastened to the wall by screws or nails and hung with a good deal of space in between. This provides an unusual opportunity to concentrate on the surface of a Ryman painting without being crowded in by the overall style of a show. Two pieces by **Ian Wilson** dating from 1968, one a 2ft-diameter circle drawn in pencil on the wall and another a larger circle drawn with Chinagraph pencil on the floor, are accompanied by his more recent, conceptually thorough book.

Robert Ryman and Ian Wilson at Genesta, 47 Charterhouse Square, London EC1 6EA (0171-600 7799) until November 23.

■ THERE has been a subtle change in the scale and language of **Basil Beattie's** paintings. The six very large recent works currently on display appear more full frontal than ever, and yet paradoxically carry within them areas, vignettes and sections of more particular "telling" detail. Beattie deposits a variety of drawn and painted patches of illusion — receding lines and tunnels, for instance — into pockets of space. He varies the volume of paint and attention enormously across the surface and leaves aside patches of raw canvas. This results in paintings that are powerfully confident.

Basil Beattie, Todd Gallery, 1-5 Needham Road, London W11 2RP (0171-794 1404) until November 23.

■ TWO black constructions, rather like hybrid beach huts, sit side by side at the back of the gallery. Spied through one of the open stable door hatches is a line-up of neatly packed furled black umbrellas, while in the other a mass of black flying kites seem to swarm like overgrown insects. The use of black here is somehow warm. A recording of the desolate and empty crying of seagulls plays in and out of the consciousness. On the empty long wall **Lucia Nogueira** places another element; a framed, brightly coloured photograph in which an orange ball is suspended high against a patchy cloudy sky above a running fraction of wall. These apparently disparate elements create a strangely powerful atmosphere.

Lucia Nogueira at Anthony Reynolds Gallery, 5 Dering Street, London W1R9AB (0171-491 0621) until November 7.

■ PILES of pulp novels, a sea of titles such as *Love Has Two Faces, The Burning Quest, Nurse Errant* and *A Highland Conquest*, are stacked 24 high and placed close together. A perfectly even, shallow saucer shape has been scoured out across and through the middle of this surface as if it were an open-cast mine. The detailed cover illustration gives way suddenly to a grey pool, and layers of printed word become smeared and disappear. This is the principal sculpture in a group of three new works by **Rosie Leventon**.

Rosie Leventon's A Long Way from the Bathroom *at the Cafe Gallery, By the Pool, Southwark Park, Bermondsey, London SE16 (0171-237 1230) until November 3.*

SACHA CRADDOCK

■ CHOICE 1

John Osborne's *The Entertainer* comes to London in a new staging

VENUE: All week at the Hampstead Theatre

■ CHOICE 2

Timothy West and son Samuel are Falstaff and Prince Hal in *Henry IV*

VENUE: Tonight at the Oxford Playhouse

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■ CHOICE 3

Glyndebourne Touring Opera presents Verdi's *La traviata*

VENUE: Tonight at the Mayflower, Southampton

■ MUSIC

Libor Pešek and the Czech Philharmonic bring their centenary tour to the UK

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

CENTENARY CONCERT: The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under its conductor Libor Pešek celebrates its centenary with a UK tour of five concerts. The opening programme tonight features works by Dvořák, Beethoven and Janáček. Next stop is Manchester.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm. ♿

THE ENTERTAINER: Michael Pennington in a strongly cast production, by Stephen Rayne, of Osborne's portrait of mid-century England
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm.

MODERN PROBLEMS IN SCIENCE. Return to London for the eccentric trio from Chicago whose resourcefulness and surreal logic are continually challenged by such hypotheses suggested by its audience as "The Last Supper was deep fried" and "Man is descended from moss"
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822). Tonight-Sat, 8pm ♿

THE WEAVERS: The 1892 masterpiece by Gerhart Hauptmann, creator of Germany's naturalistic drama. Set in mid-19th century Silesia, with a cast of 26, directed by Dominic Cooke
Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 0706) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until November 23

ELSEWHERE

OXFORD: In their first appearance on stage together, Timothy and Samuel West, father and son, play Falstaff and Prince Hal in the two parts of **Henry IV** Directed by Stephen Unwin for English Touring Theatre.
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street (01865 798600) Tonight: part I, 7.30pm Tomorrow: part II, 7.30pm Thurs: part I, 2.30pm; part II, 7.30pm Fri: part I, 8pm. Sat: part I, 2.30pm; part II, 7.30pm. ♿

NOTTINGHAM: Opera North opens a five-night run here with Mozart's enchanting comedy, *The Marriage of Figaro*. Mary Hegarty and Richard Whitehouse sing the roles of Susanna and Figaro, with Roderick Williams as Count Almaviva. Performances of *Madama Butterfly*, *Iphigenia in Aulis* and *Wozzeck* to follow.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square (0115-948 2626) Tonight, 7.15pm. ♿

SHEFFIELD: A slice of Gothic romance is on offer as **Northern Ballet Theatre** arrives with its new production, *Dracula*, based on Bram Stoker's classic chiller. Denis Malinkine dances the role of the bloodthirsty count.
Lyceum Theatre, Norfolk Street (0114 2769922) Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. ♿

SOUTHAMPTON: The first of five nights here for **Glyndebourne Touring Opera**. On the programme tonight and Friday is Verdi's tragic masterpiece *La traviata*, with performances of *Le nozze di Figaro* tomorrow and Saturday, and Handel's *Theodora* on Thursday.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road (01703 711811) All performances at 7.15pm. ♿

LONDON GALLERIES

Courtauld: Sir William Chambers (0171-873 2526) ... **Alan Cristea:** David Hockney (0171-439 1866) ... **Hayward:** Antony Gormley: Field for the British Isles (0171-928 3144) ... **National:** Rubens's Landscapes (0171-747 2885) ... **Royal Academy:** Alberto Giacometti (0171-439 7438) ... **Saatchi:** Young British Artists VI (0171-624 8299) ... **Serpentine:** Rasheed Araeen (0171-402 6075) ... **Tate:** The 1996 Turner Prize Exhibition (0171-887 8000) ... **Whitechapel:** Inside the Visible (0171-522 7888)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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■ **BLINDED BY THE SUN:** Frances de la Tour, Duncan Bell and Douglas Hodge play scientists involved in a case of scientific fraud
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm. In rep. ♿

☐ **BURIED TREASURE:** Latest play by David Ashton, back in Western Scotland where God and the Devil (ie kirk and ballroom) are embattled. Robin Lefevre directs "a West Coast *High Noon*" for the Bush Theatre in exile
Lyric Theatre Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Nov 16

◪ **BY JEEVES:** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **A DOLL'S HOUSE:** Janet McTeer slams the door in Anthony Page's production of Ibsen's proto-feminist drama. Owen Teale plays her smothering husband
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30p

☐ **THE GAY DETECTIVE:** Gerard Stembridge's Dublin success in which a young Garda sergeant is told to use his gayness to solve puzzling cases. Sad to be hilarious, serious and sharply contemporary
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Opens tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

☐ **LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR:** Neil Simon's funny account of working among a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

☐ **MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION.** Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Bartlett's strongly cast production of Shaw's 1893 shocker
Lyric, King St, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm ♿

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE.** Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit Broadway compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog*, *Jailhouse Rock* and a lot more
Prince of Wales, Coventry St, W1 (0171-839 5987) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **TALKING HEADS:** Transfer of the Chichester sell-out production of Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack performing two monologues by Alan Bennett.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (0171-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **WHEN WE ARE MARRIED:** Dawn French, Alison Steadman and Leo McKern head the splendid cast of Jude Kelly's production of the Priestley evergreen, first seen at Chichester
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ... ◪ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) ... ☐ **Jolson:** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ... ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CHAIN REACTION** (12): Who is sabotaging a university energy project? Slickly packaged, derivative thriller with Keanu Reeves and Morgan Freeman
MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990)

NICO ICON: Fascinating documentary about the model and singer Nico, smoky-voiced siren of the Velvet Underground. Director, Susanne Ofteringer
ICA ♿ (0171-930 3647)

TROMEO & JULIET (18): Crude, juvenile updating of Shakespeare's tragedy from the infamous Troma company. Lloyd Kaufman directs.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **TWELFTH NIGHT** (U): Trevor Nunn's absorbing, autumnal version of Shakespeare's comedy, with Imogen Stubbs, Helena Bonham Carter, and Nigel Hawthorne.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **MGM Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** ♿ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY (15): Sensitive, free-wheeling French film about a young Parisian (Garance Clavel) searching for her cat and a meaning to life
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

CURRENT

◆ **ALASKA** (PG): Antique family adventure about two children searching for their father's crashed plane. With Thora Birch and Charlton Heston; directed by Fraser C. Heston.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

BOSTON KICKOUT (18): School leavers seek good times in Stevenage. Lively debut feature by director Paul Hills; with John Simm and Emer McCourt.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **BREAKING THE WAVES** (18): Lars Von Trier's extraordinary melodrama about a naive Scottish girl (Emily Watson, wonderful) giving her all to an oil-rig worker. With Stellan Skarsgård.
Barbican ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** ♿ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **LONE STAR** (15): John Sayles's absorbing and humane drama about lives in the Rio Grande. With Chris Cooper and Elizabeth Peña.
Curzon W E (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **TIN CUP** (15): Pleasing comedy about a reckless golfer (Kevin Costner) trying for the US Open. With Rene Russo and Don Johnson.
UCI Whiteleys ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

TWO DAYS IN THE VALLEY (18): Smartly cast thriller with Danny Aiello and James Spader as hitmen in the San Fernando Valley. Director, John Herzfeld.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS** (PG): Hit-and-miss adaptation of the children's classic, with Terry Jones as Toad and Eric Idle as Rat
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990)

Czechs and a balancing act

Born of turmoil, the Czech Philharmonic begins its centenary tour of Britain tonight in a climate of uncertainty. **Hilary Finch** reports

The Czech Philharmonic has always been a microcosm of the entire country's turmoils. Born out of a strike at the National Theatre Opera (the sacked musicians formed their own autonomous band), it spent a good part of this century struggling for its very existence. Now it sets out on its centenary year, and on its celebratory five-concert tour of England, playing confidently enough, but riven by factions and, for the first time in its history, without a principal conductor.

The troubles began in the Velvet Revolution of 1989. The past had nurtured the orchestra incomparably from a musical point of view. Vaclav Talich had moulded the players into an international band; Rafael Kubelik had initiated the Prague Spring Festival for its 50th anniversary; Karel Ancerl reigned over a golden age between 1950 and 1968 when the orchestra simply *had* to be the best in order that its members could leave their country on tour at all. The orchestra was the near-perfect instrument for Vaclav Neumann to take over in 1968.

But that same past had ill-equipped the Czech Philharmonic for the immense upheaval of 1989. Under Neumann things had been almost too good, too easy, and a deadly inertia set in. When the Velvet Revolution exploded, this complacency collided with the appointment of a new general director who failed to realise the impossibility of moving overnight from a regimented to a free structure. And, to cap it all, it came up against the appointment, in 1990, of a brilliant young conductor called Jiri Belohlavek, who made serious and stringent demands on an orchestra impatient for instant material rewards and new international fame.

Libor Pešek, who conducts the English tour, had "never heard the orchestra play better and with more motivation" than under Belohlavek. But after a year, a fairy godfather from Germany called Gerd Albrecht appeared on the scene, promising more than a handful of pennies from heaven. During a tour to Japan, Belohlavek was ousted. But Albrecht failed to deliver either substantial recording contracts or tours, still more acrimony fermented, and he left at the start of this year.

Now the young and conscientious insider Vladimir Valek has been appointed caretaker chief conductor. Valek's contract is for three years, but the orchestra is prepared to wait as long as it takes. "After a messy divorce", says one spokesperson, "you don't exactly run into the *next* marriage." But where are the suitors? The musical education system of the 1970s deprived the country of a new generation of young conductors. Exceptional candidates seek their fortunes abroad. There are strong and divided feelings about whether or not the new conductor should even be Czech.

At the nub of it all lies a deep schizophrenia. A superiority complex (Prague is the centre of the musical world) fused with a nagging inferiority complex (perhaps it isn't after all) fuels the sort of paranoia and unease that makes one orchestra member feel his colleagues are "a pack of wolves". Another expresses his frustration by declaring that "as soon as one flame has died down, we are putting another log on the fire".

"The orchestra is so tired," says the principal cellist, Frantisek Host. "Tired of changes and division." Yet this same weary band of pilgrims still produces a totally distinctive string sound, born of the rhythmically robust Bohemian school of string playing. And it sings with a unique wind voice, a vibrato-free *espressivo* of line, filtered and refined from the Austro-Hungarian schools of military music, and perfect heaven for Mahler. The orchestra's principals form the finest chamber ensembles; they are players of many years' service and few would wish to go elsewhere.

Libor Pešek, conductor of the Czech Philharmonic on its British tour

● *The Czech Philharmonic, conducted by Libor Pešek, is at the Festival Hall, London, tonight; Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, tomorrow; Symphony Hall, Birmingham (Thurs); City Hall, Newcastle (Fri); and returns to London on Sat*

CONCERTS: *Rarities in Birmingham and Manchester*

Courting unpopularity

IT IS an exceptionally brave orchestra that tours this country with a large-scale score by a composer virtually unknown to the British public. Far from being hidden in the middle of the programme, moreover, Bent Sørensen's Symphony No 1 stood proudly at the head of it.

But the **Danish National Radio Symphony Orchestra** is like that: it is an honest and thoroughly wholesome ensemble with nothing too sophisticated lurking in its frankly open textures. It is just the orchestra for Nielsen's brutally honest Fifth Symphony, which glowed with such evident sincerity and unquestionable emotional commitment in the second half of the orchestra's Birmingham concert. If **Ulf Schirmer** was reluctant to let the side-drum have its disruptive way in the first movement, he neither intruded on the pastoral radiance in the opening stages nor underestimated the rugged determination which inspires the second half of the work.

In Sørensen's recently completed symphony, Schirmer shrank from nothing. The first movement, setting out from what the composer describes as "extremely high, almost unison screams", has no intention of ingratiating itself. It is only gradually that melodic lines begin to take shape and to inform the well-sustained slow ending with some sort of meaning. The work of a composer still well under 40, it was worth bringing to our attention.

NO OTHER actor, surely, has made his British debut by feigning sleep for 50 minutes before speaking. But that is what **Sebastien Tortelier** did, in the interest of providing a visible link between Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique* and its rarely heard sequel, *Lélio* (at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester).

The point is that, according to Berlioz's programme, the hero of the *Symphonie fantastique* experiences its sensational events in an opium-induced dream, and *Lélio* represents a return to positive, creative life. But the text of *Lélio* is a frankly specious compilation designed to accommodate a drawerful of songs and choral pieces which otherwise would have had no context.

It is an indication of the professional skill, intelligence and wit of Tortelier that it was so engagingly done. Although the English supertitles so usefully applied to the narrated text remained unhelpfully blank during the songs and choral pieces, the disparate musical items were neatly slotted in and most persuasively performed.

Lélio concludes his narration by thanking the orchestra for its "remarkable precision ... many nuances were most delicately done". He could not in truth have said the same of the performance of the *Symphonie fantastique*, where many of the nuances and much of the meaning of the first two movements seemed to escape **Yan Pascal Tortelier** (Sebastien's father) and a not entirely orderly **BBC Philharmonic**.

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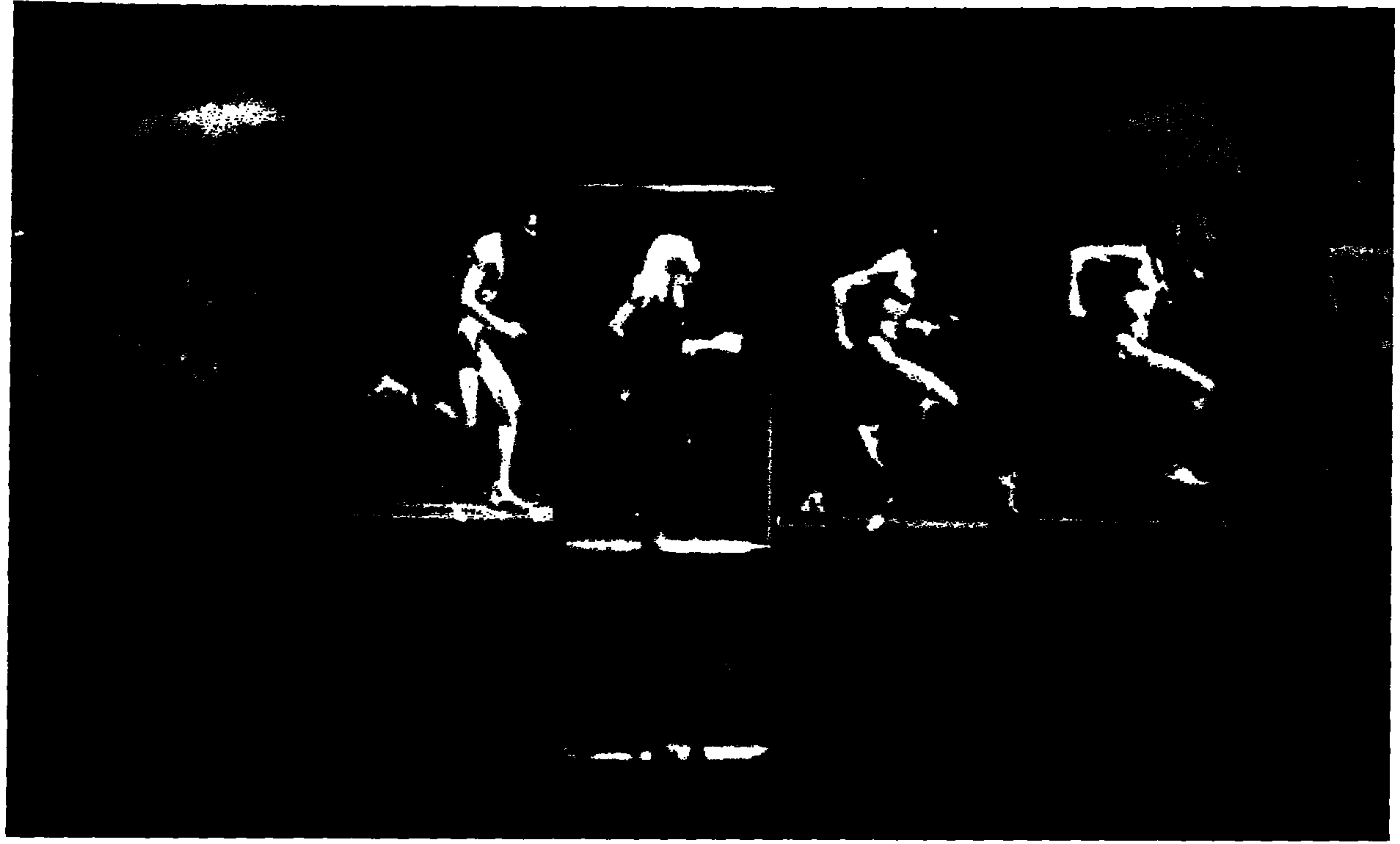


Technical showcase of the way ahead for performance: video screens plus live action on stage in a scene from *Elsinore*, Robert Lepage's one-man version of *Hamlet*

The phrase "mixed media" once described a plain old theatre show dressed up with slide projections, or someone wheeling a TV monitor around. Glance today at the programmes of arts organisations nationwide, however, and you will note the inexorable advance of all things multimedia, digital and interactive.

It is understandable if artists want to use the latest gadgets to create head-turning effects, but much of the work reveals a deeper truth. Our electronic age is best explored through the computer and video technologies we now live with. Multimedia art is more widely practised today than ever before, and there is every sign that it points us to the theatre of the future. Its latest pioneer is the renowned French-Canadian director, Robert Lepage. You may have seen his eight-hour epic, *The Seven Streams of the River Ota*, at the National Theatre recently. If so, you will be familiar with the way he uses slide projections, video images and computer effects to develop the show's action and themes. Lepage has extended these concerns in *Elsinore*, his one-man (and a double) version of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, which begins a national tour next month.

"*Elsinore* is a big technical showcase," Lepage admits. "I'm a bit burdened by the fact that people come to see 'Lepage play Hamlet', but what's more interesting is to see how you can use technologies to try to tell a story. How does it change it, and how does it bring insights to parts of it?"

The set of *Elsinore* consists of three screens. At times they take "backdrop" slide projections: rows of books in a library for Hamlet's first scene with Polonius, for instance, and an ornate tapestry for the scene in Gertrude's bedroom. They also show live images from cameras positioned strategically out of sight. Lepage's Hamlet, his back to the audience, looks through a doorway in the central screen to talk to Horatio. Around him his magnified image is projected face-on — a simple device which echoes the play's motifs of secrecy and revelation. Hamlet's final duel with Laertes is staged behind the screen, with the audience watching by means of a minuscule camera in the handle of one of the rapiers.

You might think that theatre, by nature live and three-dimensional, would fit uncomfortably with the flat recordings of the video age, but Lepage's achievement in *Elsinore* is in making the two media dovetail.

A number of British practitioners are eagerly treading this path, and you will not be surprised to find choreographers doing so most nimbly. Consider two of the shows in this year's Dance Umbrella festival. V-TOL's *By Force of Fantasy* is about voyeurism, desire and casual sexual encounters. Some of the show's content is opaque, but the images are arresting and imaginatively treated. One filmed sequence shows two women at a café table. This is intercut with staccato images of the pair together in a dark room, undressing. On stage, the women dance acrobatically together around two airport lounge chairs. This urban fling, then, is figured jointly through the sweaty abandon of dance and the cool observation of film.

Mark Murphy, V-TOL's director, recently honed his cinematic skills at the New York Film Academy, a trip which has obviously paid dividends. He explains the ways that film images can enhance a live performance. "A lot of the time it works on a subtextual level," he says. "Your eye can't pick out small details on stage, but with film, through extreme close-ups, you can foreground minute details. You can also use film for its editing textures, which can be to do with velocity. And I'm interested in the juxtapositions you can achieve — a huge mouth on the screen, for instance, and an actual person against it on stage. In a funny way we're getting closer and closer to a movie that's also a live show."

You could have enjoyed a different kind of live experience with *Say a Little Prayer*, an installation (with accompanying dance piece) presented by Rene Eyre and Chris Nash in a former Sunday School room at the Union Chapel in Islington. The show explored the family history of three generations of women. The ground floor consisted of three huge red books and a double bed. As you wandered from one to the other, infra-red sensors would detect your presence and trigger sound, lighting and video effects. Upstairs, the balcony alcoves contained a number of additional "scenes". One, for instance, was arranged as an old kitchen. You looked into the deep sink to see some white plates and saucers covered by a scrim of water, and as you did so, the sepia-coloured face of a young woman materialised, singing *Love's Sweet Song*.

Evocative effects like these owe much to the show's technological specialists. Gerald Wells's job description — digital interaction — has to be one of the most striking in contemporary art. Wells connected a central PC to six Macintoshes running the various effects, presiding over the computer equivalent of Israelis and Palestinians congregating for a garden party. This may well be an achievement, but the installation was also impressive in using its technologies so discreetly, so that you concentrated on what they were revealing.

This is a teething period for multimedia work. The equipment is expensive, and it is difficult for artists to have access to it. Meanwhile the funding bodies are still discomfited by projects which do not fit the usual pigeonholes. Even so, there is a rich seam to be mined, and Lepage has established a research centre in Quebec precisely for this purpose.

"It's a very pretentious and ambitious project," he says. "But the more I work in different places around the world, the more I really see how live performance and recorded performance are moving towards one point. It's all going to be meeting in the next few years and it's coming very quickly."

● Elsinore *begins a national tour at the Nottingham Playhouse (0115 9419419) on November 20.* By Force of Fantasy *is touring, and is at The Place Theatre (0171-387 0031) today and tomorrow*

Latin revision made easy

WORLD MUSIC

Caetano Veloso
Festival Hall

AS MUCH of our popular music sinks deeper into nihilistic dross, a talent such as Caetano Veloso's must be clutched at with both hands. This magnificent concert, the most absorbing I have seen at the South Bank all year, reaffirmed his place in the noble tradition of Latin American troubadors.

Veloso's early reputation, established three decades ago, rested partly on his introduction of rock textures into the music of Brazil. Caetano's achievement was to absorb some of the primal vigour of rock 'n' roll without compromising the subtleties of his own heritage.

Veloso has aged gracefully, relying on artistry rather than ton-up decibels or Jagger-style posturing. His masterful collection, *Fina Estampa*, recently found him in retrospective mood as his expressive light tenor reclaimed vintage ballads — including the title tune by the Peruvian Chabuca Granda — from Brazil's Spanish-speaking neighbours.

Against the backdrop of a Diego Rivera mural, Veloso roamed back and forth across borders, rarely resorting to his native tongue in the first half while he concentrated on material from the album. He acknowledged his debt to his countrymen Orlando Silva, João Gilberto and Antonio Carlos Jobim, the latter represented by a graceful treatment of *Chega de Saudade*.

The Jobim connection was underlined by the presence of cellist Jacques Morelenbaum, Veloso's co-producer and a pivotal member of Jobim's bands. Along with double-bass player Zeca Assumpcao and percussionist Marcelo Costa, he provided the infinitely supple framework for a distinctive quartet completed by the acoustic and electric guitars of Luiz Brasil.

CLIVE DAVIS

POP: Grunge may still live, but jazz fusion is a bit poorly

Ready yet, Eddie?

Pearl Jam
The Point, Dublin

IT MAY have been only the second date of their extensive European tour, but if the enthusiasm shown by the 8,000 Pearl Jam fans at the Point is to prove typical of the audience feedback, Eddie Vedder may well start to enjoy being a rock star again.

Though he may never fully get over the circumstances in which he became Seattle's premier *living* grunge icon, Vedder seems to be tentatively lifting, rather than furtively burying, the poisoned chalice *he inherited from* Kurt Cobain. And, as he stood before his worshippers with his head arched towards the heavens and his arms spread preacher-like in front of him, it was easy to believe that some form of exorcism was taking place before our eyes.

That said, the still media-shy front man was frequently content to stand in the wings during instrumental breaks and passively — almost forlornly — watch the band play, observing, for instance, a Mike McCready guitar solo with a detachment more becoming a roadie than a lead singer.

The set comprised material from all four albums, and tracks such as *All Hail* or *Habit* from the recent *No Code* record were greeted almost as warmly as the older favourites *Even Slow*, *Alive* and *Blood*.

For my money, though, the band was more workmanlike than inspired — but then, the memory of seeing the same musicians last year in their role as Neil Young's backing band is still vivid. On that night, they were a poor proxy to Crazy Horse and clearly dwarfed by the colossal artistry of their generic godfather.

This time, with their original formation in place and before a "home" crowd of sorts, the playing field was more even. And so there was widespread air-punching by the fans as well as the odd singalong and sporadic lighter-waving (not least during the five-song encore, bookended by the current single *Who You Are* and *Yellow Ledbetter*). But over the course of the 100 minutes they occasionally got bogged down in midfield and discernibly lacked something up front.

NICK KELLY

Pearl Jam: a result in Dublin without playing a blinder

Sparking without catching

Incognito
UEA, Norwich

IN EVERYDAY language, fusion suggests a harmonious integration; in nuclear physics, it describes a dramatic disintegration. Incognito are musical exponents of the first kind of fusion, with their seamless blend of jazz, funk and salsa. Courtney Pine, occupying the supporting slot, provided a more combustible fusion of jazz and hip-hop.

Incognito have been putting out skilfully crafted records for the past five years, earning the odd hit — most famously *Always There* with Jocelyn Brown. Each album has nudged its way into the British Top 50. The band's leader and main songwriter, guitarist Jean-Paul Maunick, has worked with some of the new heroes of American black music: R Kelly and D'Angelo.

Even so, Incognito have not enjoyed the kind of career that earns them a high profile; but they have, in their own quiet way, become an established part of the landscape.

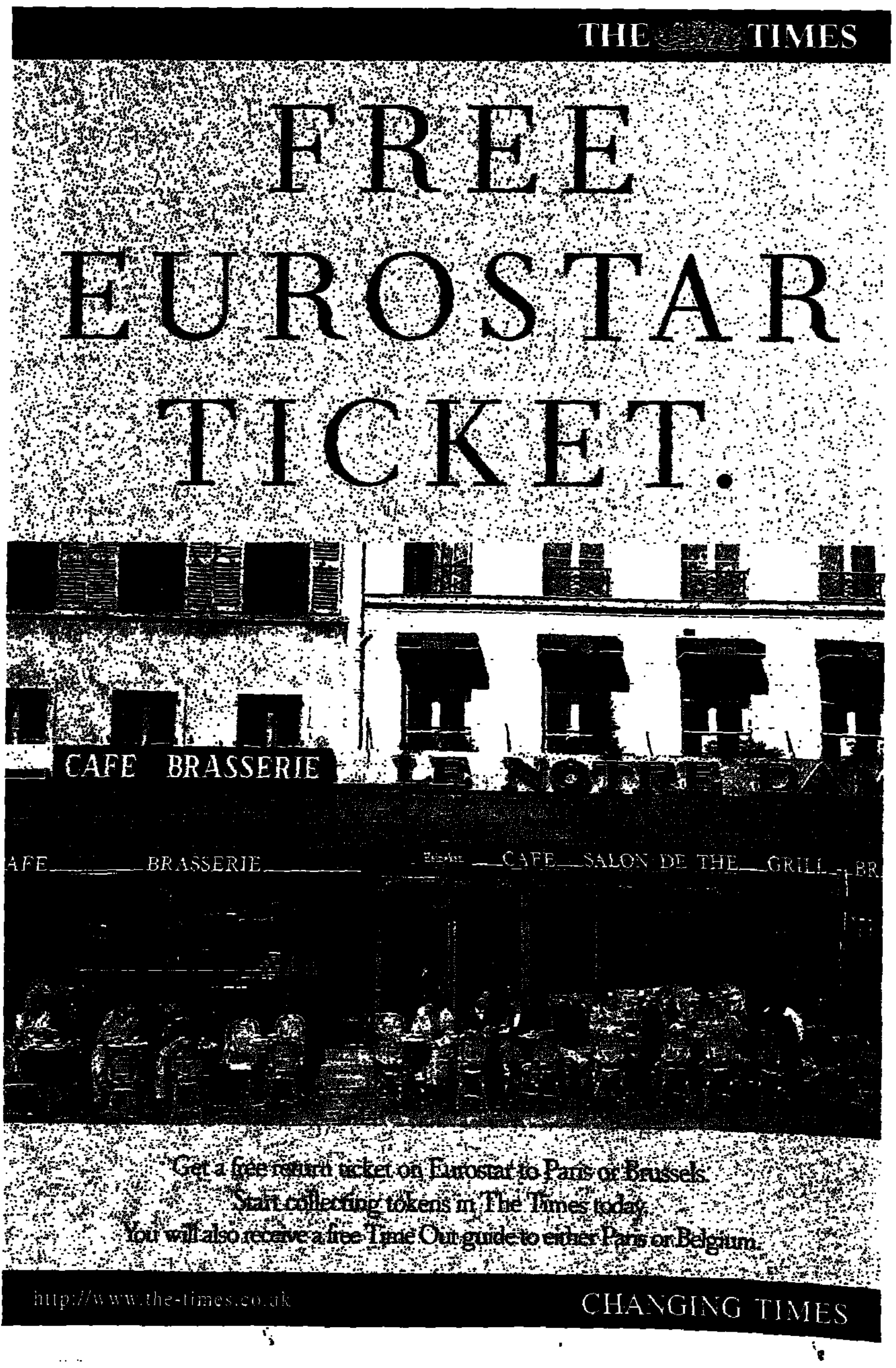
They tour relentlessly and enthusiastically. The strutting rhythms of *Roots* were driven by Randy Hope-Taylor's twanging bass and by Maysa Leak's inspired vocals. On *Always There* the band lined the front of the stage, as the brass section lifted the song with infectious riffs.

Unfortunately, it was not always so exhilarating. Sometimes the smoothly orchestrated 12-piece band (with four horn players and three singers) could sound just too tidy. The extended solos were more admirable than involving.

Pine's saxophone solos could provoke a similar reaction, but he was saved from self-indulgence by his encounters with the hip-hop beats and the wild DJ scratching of his musicians. They scrapped furiously like kids in the playground trying to outdare each other. Even a convivially languorous *The 37th Chamber* was turned into a competition with the audience.

Between them, Pine and Incognito provide an intriguing display of the pleasures and pitfalls of British jazz fusion — a few fireworks and a few damp squibs.

JOHN STREET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No win, no fee: how clients are losing

Frances Gibb reports on new developments in litigation that are worrying solicitors

Critics predicted a "lawyer's bonanza." A year ago, plans by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, for "no win, no fee" work — by which lawyers can take on cases for nothing and charge up to double their fees if they win — came in to a barrage of criticism. Senior judges claimed people would be exploited by unscrupulous solicitors charging huge fees which would swallow up any damages recouped for the client. "No win, no fee" work certainly seems to have opened up a large new market of work, enabling people to pursue claims previously denied them through lack of funds. But it is also spawning a new industry: claims-brokering.

Quasi-legal firms and companies that negotiate with insurers are moving into the accident claims market, seeking to settle claims for victims. Others handle employment claims — all on a no win, no fee basis, taking their fees as a large slice of the client's damages — usually a third but sometimes more. In reality, the arrangements are akin to American-style contingency fees.

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Concern among solicitors is growing. Solicitors accept they will be accused of protectionism and of mounting a rearguard action over their patch. But they also have justifiable concerns about the public interest. Low-cost legal services, they say, are being marketed by unqualified and unregulated people who exploit people's ignorance.

In Nottingham, solicitors have launched a campaign to alert the public after receiving a stream of complaints about firms offering low-cost will-drafting services. One firm advertises that it can do a will in 20 minutes at a fee of £29.

Often, their literature implies — inaccurately — that they use qualified solicitors. Rupert Bear, president of the local law society, says: "These wills are usually drawn up using basic word-processed documents out of which standard clauses are picked. This results in wills that are internally contradictory — in one case, even rendering the will invalid. People have even been asked to witness wills in which they are beneficiaries, so they would lose any inheritance.

Probate and will-writing is just the tip of the iceberg. Hilary Campion, a partner with Eversheds in Nottingham, is worried about unqualified people offering to handle employment disputes. "These people are interested only in obtaining compensation — so they can cream off their one-third fee," he claims. "But reinstatement in the job might be more appropriate. And why should a client pay more than a third of their compensation to a representative? A 30-year old who was employed for four years before being unfairly dismissed can obtain maximum unfair dismissal compensation of £12,140. To have to pay more than £4,000 of that to an unqualified representative would be preposterous. A solicitors' fee would be about £1,000.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Gerard Mullins: he was contacted by a loss assessor who wanted to handle his claim

In the field of lucrative accident claims, negotiators boast they can achieve quick, speedy settlements for their clients. But, according to the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (Apil), there is a danger of claims being undersettled because the negotiators are not qualified to take claims to court. The threat of litigation never even exists. People are often not told they may qualify for legal aid; and they may not understand that a large slice of their damages will go in paying the negotiator's fees.

Gerard Mullins was left a tetraplegic after a car crash in 1993. While lying in the spinal unit at Stanmore, northwest London, he was contacted by a loss assessor who had obtained details from his insurance broker. "He wanted to handle my claim [likely to be about £1 million]." Mr Mullins says. "I agreed; I thought that was the only way to do it. But about two years later, when nothing seemed to be happening, I was told I should have gone to a solicitor.

"By then, the driver of the accident had been convicted 12 months previously — and we could have applied for summary judgment. Nor was legal aid even mentioned."

The new operators can easily be confused with marketing groups such as Claims Direct (run from Market Harborough) and Accident Assist (AA). They deploy heavy promotion to penetrate the 30 per cent dormant sector of the market; people who do not pursue their claims. AA, for instance, declares its aim is to "become a national household name synonymous with accident and injury compensation within two years — aiming to refer up to 30,000 in 1996, rising to possibly 300,000 by 1998. But The difference is that these groups use panels of solicitors to handle claims.

Yet, here, too, concerns have arisen. The lawyers need not be members of the Law Society's own personal injuries specialist panel. AA, according to Apil, is a vehicle that enables solicitors to "buy accident cases " — a charge the group strongly rebutts. Rather, says AA, solicitors employ it to do their marketing. AA's advertising can also target people when most vulnerable.

But the charges are being levelled from both sides. Claims Direct (of Bournemouth) recently complained to the Advertising Standards Authority — only partly upheld — over what it said was misleading "no win, no fee" advertising.

David Marshall of Anthony Gold Lerman & Muirhead, one firm complained of, says: "These people [eg, CD] are not subject to any professional regulation. The reality is they are worried about the attack on their market." His firm has now taken on 60 no win, no fee cases and predicts a rising market, as public awareness grows.

Unsurprisingly, the claims negotiators put another side to the story. Claims Direct of Bournemouth (no link to the marketing Claims Direct) says it offers the only "genuine no win no fee service", with no extra disbursements or fees. Nicholas Leigh, the managing director, says: "Clients do not have to fork out a penny. If they win, we take 30 per cent — although with some large claims it can be only 20 per cent."

Claims Direct has been in the business for 20 years. It accepts that if the claim becomes litigious, it would hand over to lawyers. "But 95 per cent of claims are settled out of court," Mr Leigh says. The advantage for the clients, it says, is experience in personal injury claims, coupled with a "speedy, efficient service". He rejects charges that they are unregulated. "We have professional indemnity insurance and are accountable to the Advertising Standards Authority and Office of Fair Trading — outside bodies. Solicitors regulate themselves."

As for undersettling claims, he says: "We have a vested interested in obtaining as much as we can for the client — so we're not likely to undersettle.

"We have made an impression on the market, so obviously solicitors are not happy about it. They' ll have to look out and wake up to the 20th century."

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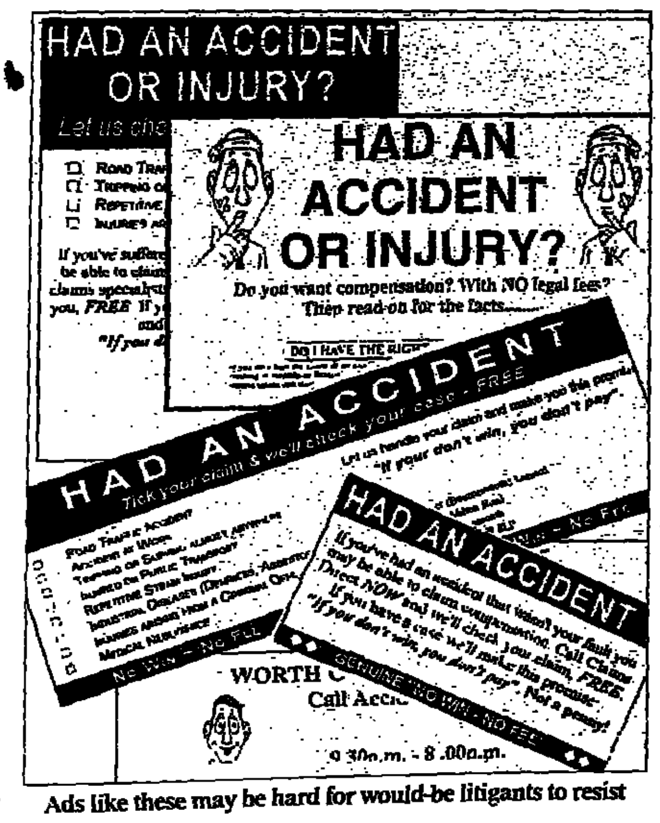
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When is immorality considered illegal?

Insider trading has been given a new lease of life by the recent case of James O' Hagen, a lawyer who benefited to the tune of $4 million (about £2.5 million) on the basis of inside information. The court ruling that cleared him of wrongdoing may yet see Minneapolis replace Zurich as the place to trade on inside information.

The drama was set in the late 1980s. Grand Metropolitan, a British mega-conglomerate, retained a Minnesota legal powerhouse to represent it in the proposed takeover of the Pillsbury Company of Minneapolis. Mr O'Hagen, a partner in the law firm Dorsey & Whitney, saw a chance to make a profit and embarked on a programme of buying call options for Pillsbury common stock. By the end of September, 1988, he had amassed 2,500 Pillsbury call option contracts and 5,000 shares of Pillsbury common. When on October 8, 1988, GrandMet announced its tender offer for Pillsbury, the price of Pillsbury common soared from $39 a share to almost $60 a share. Mr O'Hagen walked away with a profit of more than $4 million.

JAMES ZIRIN

Was Mr O'Hagen's conduct immoral and unethical? Beyond question. Was it illegal? Most lawyers would have said yes, until a Minnesota federal court of appeal in a two-to-one decision this summer reversed his conviction and 41-month prison sentence on the ground that he owed no fiduciary duty to the Pillsbury stockholders whom he milked — only to the GrandMet stockholders for whom his firm was acting. The result, which suggests a judicial tilt towards limiting the reach of the insider trading provisions of the federal securities laws, is as baffling to lawyers as it is to lay people.

Insider trading proscriptions grew out of a 1961 Securities and Exchange Commission case that held a broker-dealer and his firm liable for selling a company's securities on the basis of information obtained from a director of the company who was also a principal of the firm. The director had advance notice of an increase in the quarterly dividend. The commission perceived the unfairness of allowing a corporate insider to take advantage of material information by trading without disclosure. The legal definition of a corporate insider was at first thought to be limited to an officer or director of the securities issuer, but the courts quickly made clear that the concept would apply equally to a lawyer, accountant, investment banker or other service provider, retained by the corporation and owing it a duty to disclose material information or else abstain from trading.

Traders illegally tipped off by insiders, known as "tippees", were held similarly liable, provided they knew or should have known that the information came from an insider.

As the 1980s unfolded, courts began to expand the insider trading doctrine to other kinds of abuses of inside information that did not, strictly speaking, involve corporate insiders and their tippees. Thus courts began to scrutinise the conduct of outsiders owing no fiduciary duty to the stockholders of the corporations whose stocks they traded but who breached a fiduciary duty owed to any lawful possessor of inside information. This approach, known as the misappropriation theory, would impose liability for fraud on anyone who misappropriated material non-public information by breaching a fiduciary duty and used that information in a securities transaction, even though that person owed no duty to the stockholders of the traded stock.

Though the Supreme Court has never approved the misappropriation theory, four federal judicial circuits, including the authoritative second circuit embracing New York City, have seen the theory as a potent weapon against forms of trading on inside information not caught by the conventional approach.

Federal courts in those circuits have thus sustained misappropriation theory liability against the tippees of a financial printer, engaged by the acquiring company, who bought stock of a takeover target before public disclosure, and, in a most extraordinary case, a psychiatrist who learnt from his patient, the wife of a captain of industry, of an impending takeover and proceeded to trade in the stock of the target company. These courts took the view that trading on the basis of improperly obtained information is unfair, and distinctions that excuse liability based on the source of the information undermine the essential premise that there must be a fraud-free marketplace.

Surprisingly enough, the misappropriation theory has come under strong attack. As noted, the legal doctrine has never been approved by the Supreme Court and an analysis of the cases reveals that though some trading on material non-public information is illegal, some is not.

In rejecting the misappropriation theory of liability, the Minnesota court was quick to condemn Mr O'Hagen's conduct as "unethical and immoral". It observed that he was disbarred in Minnesota and served 30 months of his sentence, so he had in some measure paid for his sins. But suppose he had not raided the trust funds and stood charged only with insider trading? The circuits do not agree as to the outcome.

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INNS AND OUTS

Women welcome

IT NOW looks as though Dianna Kemp, the QC from Bermuda, may finally be on track to become the first woman president of the International Bar Association.

In an election seen by many as a test of the association's resolve to promote women in its ranks, she beat off a challenge by the Ghanaian lawyer Nutifafa Doe Kofi Kuenyehia for the position of secretary-general.

"Of the IBA's 18,000 members there are only about 1,200 women," Ms Kemp said afterwards. "I hope my election will send a signal to women that they are welcome here."

Lecturing lawyers

LORD LESTER of Herne Hill, QC, who played a key role in setting up the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Commission for Racial Equality, will be assessing the effectiveness of discrimination law at the Employment Lawyers Association annual lecture.

"Making discrimination law effective: old barriers, new frontiers" is the title of the speech he will give at the Institute of Civil Engineers in London on Wednesday.

Slippery question

A DEBATE has been sparked off in the Crown Prosecution Service over whether it is fair to compare defendants with snakes. A case worker in the fraud division has complained about a poster depicting a snakes- and-ladders board reminding prosecutors to meet custody time limits.

"Is there any call for this? Snakes get a poor press at the best of times and aren't as villainous as often portrayed," writes Geoff Carr in a letter to the *CPS Journal*. "Likewise, are we being encouraged to bestialise defendants who might be innocent? We need to remember that just because they are in custody doesn't mean they are guilty."

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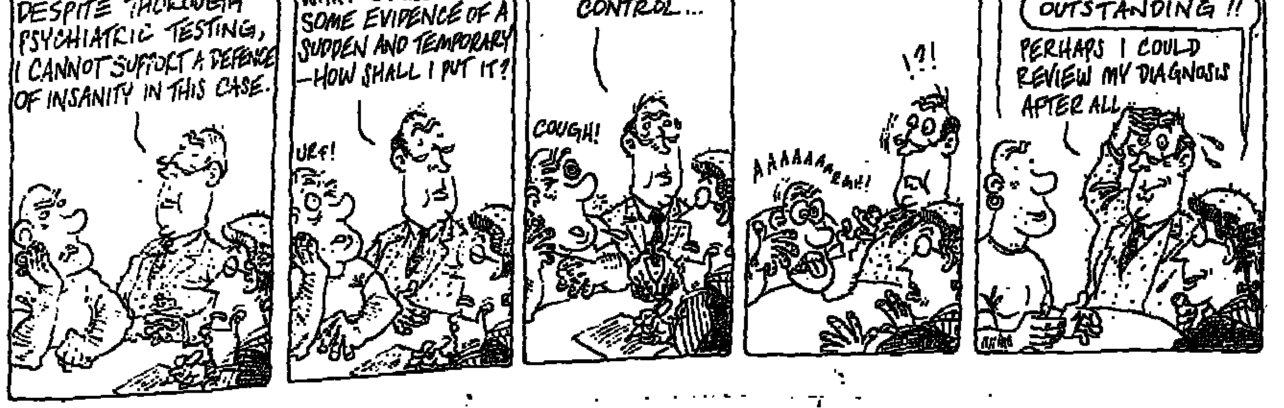
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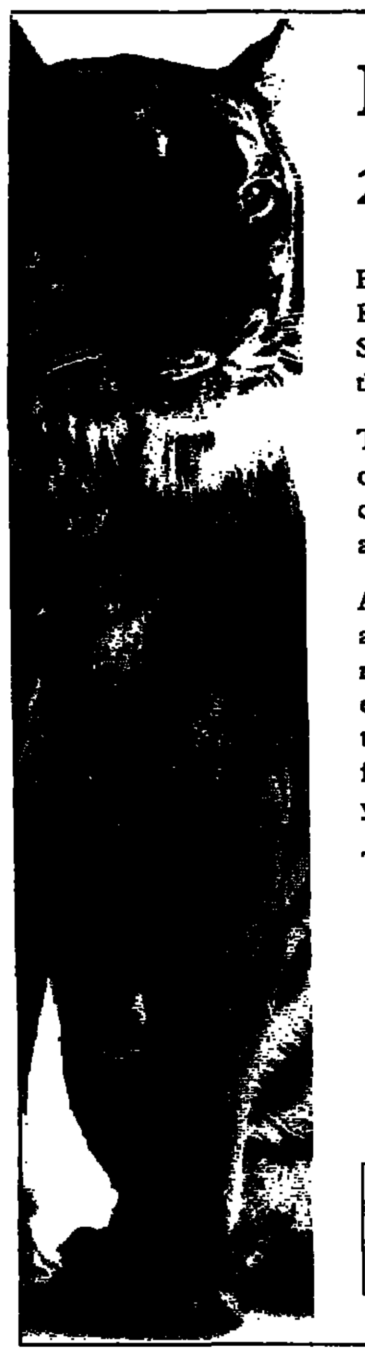

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Dealing with intimidation

There is another way of looking at a refusal to tell the truth, says Gary Slapper

ANDRE CAMARA

Sarah Holt, left, and Sophie Bird leaving the High Court last week after their release from prison

Last week two women who had been jailed for contempt of court after they refused to give evidence against a defendant charged with causing grievous bodily harm were freed by the Court of Appeal. The case highlighted several defects in the way that the law operates when crime victims and witnesses are intimidated into silence.

Sarah Holt, 20, had been jailed for three months at Chelmsford Crown Court when she declined to go into the witness box and testify against her former boyfriend, Alex Fryatt. The trial judge also jailed Ms Holt's friend, Sophie Bird, 22, for two months when she also refused to give evidence. As a result of these refusals, the case against Mr Fryatt collapsed and the proceedings were discontinued.

The young women claimed that after Mr Fryatt had been arrested for allegedly committing a savage attack on Ms Holt in her flat, breaking her jaw and causing other serious injuries in front of Miss Bird, both women received threats that reprisals would follow if they went into the witness box. Some of these threats were made by phone from the prison where Mr Fryatt was on remand.

The trial judge, who, along with lawyers for the defendants was apparently unaware of the threats, took the view that the women were in contempt of court and had them jailed. In freeing them, the Court of Appeal urged the Crown Prosecution Service to make more use of Section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, a provision that had not been utilised in the case. Under this provision a court can hear a written statement from a witness instead of requiring him or her to be in court, if the witness will not attend "through fear or because he is kept out of the way". The fear does not need to be objectively reasonable, provided it is genuinely experienced.

This procedure is also subject to the proviso that the statement to be read was sworn to a police officer, and be such that it would be direct (as opposed to hearsay) evidence if it were spoken. Additionally, the court must regard admission of the statement as "in the interests of justice", taking into account the potential detriment to a defendant who cannot in such circumstances cross-question the witness.

The women were jailed for contempt of court, but it is also a very serious contempt of court to threaten a witness in a criminal trial. When evidence of intimidation arises early enough in a criminal case, it would be possible to suspend proceedings in order to have any alleged intimidation thoroughly investigated.

Another issue of law relevant to incidents that led to the silence of Sarah Holt and Sophie Bird in court is duress. In a case in 1971 with similar facts, two women were convicted of perjury after they gave false testimony in a trial arising from a street fight in Salford, Greater Manchester. They showed, on appeal, that the reason they had lied under oath was that they had been threatened by an associate of the defendant not to testify against him, and in court the man who had threatened them was in the public gallery.

The Court of Appeal in the 1971 case held that duress is a legal defence to perjury provided the person intimidated had his will overborne by the threats at the time of the perjury. The fact that the man in the public gallery could not execute his threats in the courtroom would not matter, Lord Parker said, "if they could be carried out in the streets of Salford the same night". The same defence would apply today to anyone accused of contempt of court if their will to testify had been neutralised by a threat that was "present and immediate".

Violent crime is on the increase. It rose by 10 per cent in the year to June 1996 to 331,000 cases. Reports of intimidation of witnesses are numerous. The problem is that there is little the machinery of criminal justice can do about this type of witness jeopardy. Offering 24-hour police protection to all witnesses in potential danger of reprisals is probably impossible. Perhaps the problem should be addressed from a different direction by reducing the social causes of violence.

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Wall Street turns tables on the City

In one of the biggest law firm raids in recent times, the Wall Street firm Shearman & Sterling last week snatched all four UK project finance partners from the London office of the American firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. The four partners — Kenneth MacRitchie, Nick Buckworth, Calvert Miller and Stephen Peppiatt — have helped to build up a £5 milllion practice from scratch in 2½ years, and are highly rated by competitors.

Stephen Volk, Shearman's senior partner, said: "This move enables us to accomplish two prime objectives in one — English law capability and solid depth in a burgeoning practice area."

Was it cash or strategy that caused the move?

The move definitively increases the going rate in the all-important project-finance area. The two key players, Mr MacRitchie and Mr Buckworth, formerly at Clifford Chance, are understood to be joining Shearman & Sterling on a package in excess of £500,000, which includes a golden hello. Mr Miller and Mr Peppiatt, the younger partners, are thought to be on about £200,000. If big-name partners are being tempted by money, this is a worrying development for City firms, where profits are lower than on Wall Street.

While other US firms have started to compete directly with City firms by hiring UK lawyers, this is the first of the Wall Street elite to join the fray. Bill Tudor John, senior partner for Allen & Overy, said: "The English firms will have to take this seriously. It is the first time a top-flight American firm has decided to do this."

Yet up until now, Shearman's has hardly figured in the project finance big league, despite its reputation for banking and securities work and its close relationship with Citibank. According to a recent survey by *The American Lawyer*, the firm ranked only 14th in both the number of deals and dollar volume. In the same survey, Milbank's practice closed 34 project financings in 1995 with a total value of $19 billion (£12 billion). Despite this, Milbank viewed the four-partner defection seriously enough to fly two executive committee members to talk to the one US partner and 11 UK assistants who now remain in the London office.

But was it just money that prompted the move? Certainly, Mr MacRitchie and Mr Buckworth's deal with Milbank (*Legal Business* reported they were on about £300,000) was small beer compared to their former Clifford Chance colleague Maurice Allen, who moved to Weil Gotshal & Manges, the US firm, for £500,000, at the end of last year.

Yet the move may have been as much about strategy as cash. A project-finance practice increasingly needs access to complementary capital markets and M&A skills — something Shearmans has in abundance. Yet after the euphoria, Shearmans will have to address one key question: having acquired the four partners, how are they going to keep them?

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The Lord Chief Justice lends support to a proposal to change the way commercial grievances are resolved

Judges give an aye to the use of more ADR

LORD BINGHAM of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, gave his first public backing to Lord Woolf's plans for much greater use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) last week at the bi-annual conference hosted by the Centre for Dispute Resolution (CEDR), *Frances Gibb writes.*

He was not alone: a line up of judges lent their support, including Judge Ford and Judge Bütter, who are overseeing pilot projects in ADR at the London Patents County Court and Central London County Court, respectively; and also Mr Justice Colman, the driving force behind the landmark practice direction in July, inviting judges to take a lead in promoting ADR where suitable in commercial disputes.

With the judges on side with Lord Woolf's proposals that ADR should be considered as a means of settling disputes before going to trial, the hour has come for bodies such as the CEDR which, under Sir Alex Jarratt and Professor Karl Mackie, have been quietly pushing ADR for the past five years.

Now it will fall to the legal profession to do its bit. Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, the NatWest chairman, expressed doubt about "whether the legal profession as a whole had moved to wholesale acceptance that there must be radical change". He said: "There is still a whole sea-change necessary in regard to ADR."

For some firms, though, ADR is more than just a buzz word. Baker McKenzie, the City law firm, were awarded the 1996 award from CEDR for its "very significant contribution" to ADR. The firm has mounted an extensive training programme for its lawyers and new trainees in commerce and litigation, and they also have a continuing programme of ADR education. The runners-up were Clifford Chance and Lovell White Durrant.

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RACING: NORTHERN-BASED JOCKEY LOSES RETAINER AS CELTIC SWING'S OWNER REDUCES BRITISH STRING

Savill severs long association with Darley

By Robert Wright

KEVIN DARLEY has lost his job as retained jockey to Peter Savill. The pair are ending a seven-year association as a result of Savill's decision to reduce the number of horses he has in training in Britain from 50 to 30.

Darley, who was riding at Leicester yesterday, said: "I won't be retained by Peter Savill next season. It was a bit of a shock, but he explained that it was really just because he is cutting back. It leaves me freelance and I will ride for him whenever I haven't been approached by anybody."

The jockey was linked with John Dunlop, the Arundel trainer, earlier this season, but insisted then that no approaches had been made. Darley, 36, and Savill hit the headlines two years ago when Celtic Swing impressively won the group one Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster.

However, his domination as a juvenile was not sustained in his classic year. After finishing runner-up to Pennekamp in the 2,000 Guineas, he bypassed the Derby in favour of the French equivalent, the Prix du Jockey-Club, which he won. He reportedly injured a knee when subsequently eighth in the Irish Derby and did not race again.

"Peter and I have had seven very good years and 265 winners. What better highlight could you have than winning the French Derby?" Darley said. Referring to Celtic Swing's Racing Post Trophy triumph, he said: "To win it like he did confirmed he was something special."

Darley's partnership with Savill flourished on the cornerstones of mutual respect. At the outset they enjoyed huge success with the prolific winning sprinter Chaplins Club. Savill once said: "We have developed a close relationship. When he started riding Chaplins Club I felt he was a very underrated jockey who wasn't getting the opportunities to shine. But what attracted me to him was as a person; he's very likeable, not big-headed, intelligent and honest."

The association has helped Darley to totals of 143, 154 and 148 in last three seasons. The former champion apprentice, who began his career with Reg Hollinshead, is now recognised as one of the leading northern-based jockeys, along with Kieren Fallon, who travels south to ride for Henry Cecil next year, and Jason Weaver.

Savill revealed that he is trimming his operation because he cannot make racing pay. He insists that prize-money levels in Britain are so poor he cannot afford to sustain his commitment.

His decision will affect several trainers. Mary Reveley, based at Saltburn in Cleveland, is likely to be one of the hardest hit. "I've had no official notice from Mr Savill, but we've got 12 of his horses and I'm sure it's going to affect us," she said. Savill's other trainers include Lady Herries, Richard Hannon and Peter Chapple-Hyam.

Further afield, Michael Stoute's Breeders' Cup Turf winner, Pilsudski, was yesterday invited to run in the Japan Cup. Halling and Pentire, also trained in Newmarket, and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, Helissio, were the other European horses to be selected for the race in Tokyo on November 24.

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1.05 William's Well
1.35 Loki
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(2-Y-O: £3,173: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(7)	503	JAMIE'S BOY 11 (R Auchincloss) R Guest 9-7	K Darley	91
2	(10)	443010	ABSTONE QUEEN 3 (V,CD,F,G) (J Abbey) P Evans 9-3	R Ffrench (7)	91
3	(5)	004320	STYLE DANCER 12 (Mrs C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 9-3	K Fallon	93
4	(1)	330	SODA 101 (M Burke Developments Ltd) T Barron 9-1	D McKeown	86
5	(4)	246516	TRIBAL MISCHIEF 10 (S) (G Pantington) D Moffatt 8-13	Darren Moffatt (3)	89
6	(8)	056	FIGLIA 20 (B) (V Wade) C Booth 8-12	J Weaver	83
7	(11)	0060	WHY O SIX 32 (J Ritchie) R Fahey 8-11	A Culhane	80
8	(9)	515215	CONTRAVENE 10 (D,F,G) (W Burns) J Berry 8-7	G Carter	[illegible]
9	(3)	000030	WILLIAM'S WELL 11 (B) (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 8-3	G Hind	92
10	(2)	4560	MIRROR FOUR SPORT 43 (Mirror 4 Punters Club) M Johnston 8-0	T Williams	82
11	(6)	64003	MIKE'S DOUBLE 7 (B) (Contrac Promotions Ltd) G Lewis 7-12	N Carlisle	95

BETTING: 3-1 Jamie's Boy, 4-1 Mike's Double, 6-1 Contravene, Abstone Queen, 8-1 Style Dancer, 10-1 others

1995: TIMES OF TIMES 9-7 C Rutter (8-1) M Ryan 20 ran

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Selection: JAMIE'S BOY

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1	(3)	10-3462	ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 26 (F,G,S) (M Reveley RC) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-7	A Culhane	90
2	(6)	200-400	ANTARTICTERN 142J (F,G) (J Wright) G Oldroyd 6-8-13	M McAndrew	66
3	(11)	264050	WILLY STAR 14 (G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 6-8-13	G Lee (5)	76
4	(10)	060442	LOKI 14 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (M Watt) G Lewis 8-8-11	K Darley	[illegible]
5	(7)	3-	RUNNING GREEN 551J (Die-Hard RC) D Moffatt 5-8-11	Darren Moffatt (3)	71
6	(2)	0/0-0	ETOILE DU NORD 82 (Miss Z Wollmore) H Collingridge 4-8-9	D McKeown	–
7	(8)	33400	ELITE BLISS 104 (Elite Racing Club) M Camacho 4-8-8	K Fallon	71
8	(4)	504300	JIMJAREER 95 (G) (J Hacking) J Wilson 3-8-5	S D Williams	76
9	(12)	064633	MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 6 (F) (Elite Racing Club) N Tinkler 5-8-4	G Carter	82
10	(9)	000004	KASHANA 10 (V) (A Lister) W Storey 4-8-2	Iona Wands (7)	87
11	(1)	0-00000	LADY PLOY 56 (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 4-8-2	G Hind	–
12	(5)	402000	RADMORE BRANDY 129 (J Salter) P Evans 3-7-12	R Ffrench (7)	73

BETTING: 5-2 Loki, 3-1 Once More For Luck, 5-1 McGillycuddy Reeks, 10-1 Willy Star, Running Green, 12-1 others

1995: SHABANAZ 10-8-13 C Rutter (6-5 fav) W Muir 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ONCE MORE FOR LUCK short-head 2nd of 13 to Evidence In Chief in claimer at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) with LOKI (1lb better off) 3¾l 4th. ANTARTICTERN best effort this term 7l 4th to Greenspan in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). LOKI 1¾l 2nd to Te Amo in claimer at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm) with MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS (1lb worse off) 3l 3rd. RUNNING GREEN 2l 3rd to Ivan The Terrible in claimer at Hamilton (1m 1f, soft). KASHANA 10½l 4th to Dana Point in apprentices claimer at Catterick (1m 4f, good).
Selection: ONCE MORE FOR LUCK (nap)

2.10 TELEPROMPTER LIMITED STAKES (£2,847: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	(2)	140400	MENTALASANYTHIN 23 (D,F,G) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 7-9-5	Alex Greaves	95
2	(5)	300626	SPANISH VERDICT 12 (C,F,G,S) (Cox & Allen Ltd) Denys Smith 9-9-5	J Weaver	91
3	(11)	030500	MASTER MILLFIELD 50 (F,G) (C Hall) P Evans 4-9-3	A Culhane	92
4	(3)	000-	RUMPELSTILTSKIN 519 (V) (K Crabb) H Howe 4-9-3	P McCabe (3)	–
5	(8)	603130	RUBBIYATI 40 (F) (Wyck Hall Stud) C Brittain 4-9-2	W Ryan	80
6	(7)	060600	ELITE HOPE 17 (G) (Elite Racing Club) N Tinkler 4-9-0	Kim Tinkler	87
7	(12)	203-300	KALOU 19 (F) (Sir Tatton Sykes) W Elsey 5-9-0	P Fessey (5)	96
8	(10)	506400-	KANAT LEE 400 (F) (I Harris) Mrs V Aconley 5-9-0	G Hind	–
9	(3)	003353	SOUTH SEA BUBBLE 23 (Lady Juliet De Chair) L Cumani 4-9-0	K Darley	93
10	(6)	404050	SISTAR ACT 15 (D,F,G) (T Corby) M Channon 3-8-13	A Eddery (7)	90
11	(4)	022250	DAIRA 30 (G) (L Holliday) J Bethell 3-8-11	S Drowne	[illegible]
12	(1)	6-0036	WAFT 15 (BF) (Heatherwold Stud) B Hills 3-8-8	K Fallon	96

BETTING: 7-2 South Sea Bubble, 9-2 Daira, 5-1 Waft, 6-1 Kalou, 7-1 Rubbiyati, 8-1 Mentalasanythin, 10-1 Spanish Verdict, 12-1 others

1995: ANOTHER TIME 3-9-2 W Woods (7-2) S Woods 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MENTALASANYTHIN best recent effort 9l 4th of 11 to Durham in handicap at Ayr (1m 5f, good to firm). SPANISH VERDICT 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Your Most Welcome in handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MASTER MILLFIELD best recent effort about 1¾l 5th of 10 to Artful Dane in handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). KALOU best effort this term head and 2l 3rd of 19 to Far Ahead in handicap at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). SOUTH SEA BUBBLE 2½l and neck 3rd of 15 to Master Beveled in conditions race at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, soft) with SISTER ACT (2lb better off) head and 1¾l 5th. DAIRA best recent effort head 2nd of 8 to Rebel County in handicap at Ayr (1m 2f, good to firm). WAFT neck and short-head 3rd of 17 to Castan in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: SPANISH VERDICT

2.40 ELLERBY HANDICAP (£3,951: 1m) (17 runners)

1	(15)	121660	DARLING CLOVER 17 (F,G) (P Brigham) R Bastiman 4-10-0	H Bastiman (5)	[illegible]
2	(5)	20-1100	NORTHERN FAN 19 (D,G) (Speedlith Group) N Tinkler 4-9-11	W Ryan	94
3	(6)	5140	SHADOW CASTING 49 (BF,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-9-9	K Fallon	89
4	(16)	335000	DISPOL GEM 21 (W Imison) G Oldroyd 3-9-0	K Darley	90
5	(8)	501343	MOROCCO 14 (D,BF,F,S) (M Myers) M Channon 7-9-0	A Eddery (7)	92
6	(4)	24200	VANADIUM ORE 21 (V) (E Garth Ormond) J Eyre 3-8-10	M Birch	89
7	(7)	640334	CEE-JAY-AY 12 (D,F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 9-8-9	P Roberts (5)	91
8	(12)	035341	DIAMOND CROWN 6 (D,F) (J Pickup) M Wane 5-8-6 (6ex)	R Havlin (3)	91
9	(14)	205030	JOHNNIE THE JOKER 15 (B,F,S) (Miss M C-Smith) J Leigh 5-8-5	D McKeown	89
10	(11)	241000	THATCHED 8 (CD,F) (C Marwood) R Barr 6-8-4	K Sked (7)	91
11	(17)	130145	GREY KINGDOM 66 (F) (M Britain) M Britain 5-7-12	N Varley (3)	90
12	(1)	300106	PC'S CRUISER 56 (B,D,G) (PC Racing Partners) J Eyre 4-7-12	T Williams	94
13	(10)	511050	CAROL AGAIN 155 (G) (J Lumsden) N Bycroft 4-7-11	N Carlisle	90
14	(13)	460000	SCORPIUS 126 (B,G) (Mrs C Clement) T Clement 6-7-10	F Norton	95
15	(3)	006005	PLEASURE TRICK 56 (D,F,G) (E Incisa) E Incisa 5-7-10	Kim Tinkler	89
16	(2)	405030	KATIE KOMAITE 36 (B) (Red Rose Partnership) J Wilson 3-7-10	P Fessey (5)	82
17	(9)	000500	PARONOMASIA 83 (B) (P Barrett) J L Harris 4-7-10	R Ffrench (7)	68

Long handicap: Pleasure Trick 7-9, Katie Komaite 7-7, Paronomasia 6-7.

BETTING: 7-2 Shadow Casting, 4-1 Darling Clover, 6-1 Morocco, 8-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, Diamond Crown, 10-1 Northern Fan, 12-1 others.

1995: NIGHT WINK 3-9-5 Martin Dwyer (12-1) D Nicholls 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARLING CLOVER best recent effort about 6l 6th of 16 to Secret Aly in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm). NORTHERN FAN best recent effort beat Cashmere Lady ¾l in amateurs handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). SHADOW CASTING best effort this term beat Santella Katie neck in maiden at Chepstow (7f, good to firm). MOROCCO ¾l and neck 3rd of 18 to Silver Harrow in selling handicap at Leicester (7f, good to firm). VANADIUM ORE best recent effort 10l 2nd of 6 to Divine In auction maiden at Hamilton (1m 3f, good). CEE-JAY-AY about 6l 4th of 13 to Dilazar in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). DIAMOND CROWN beat Funky head in claiming handicap at Newcastle (1m, good to firm).
Selection: SHADOW CASTING

3.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WILTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,777: 5f) (10 runners)

1	(10)	0	BRIGHT GOLD 6 (A Grant) A Smith 9-0	D McKeown	–
2	(8)	00	EWAR ARRANGEMENT 14 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0	W Ryan	73
3	(7)	02	FULLOPEP 11 (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 9-0	K Darley	96
4	(3)	320232	RED ROMANCE 85 (J Blanchi) Denys Smith 9-0	K Fallon	90
5	(5)	530230	THE WYANDOTTE INN 7 (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 9-0	D Griffiths (5)	83
6	(6)	23	ARCHELLO 31 (E Gale) G Oldroyd 8-9	G Parkin (5)	96
7	(9)	422343	ENCHANTICA 10 (BF) (Mrs B Ansell) J Berry 8-9	G Carter	[illegible]
8	(2)		LA DOYENNE (Mrs J Robinson) C Booth 8-9	M Birch	–
9	(4)	0	MORNING STAR 40 (Mrs L McKeown) M Johnston 8-9	J Weaver	73
10	(1)		REDSPET (A Ripley) S Bowring 8-9	S D Williams	–

BETTING: 7-4 Fullopep, 5-1 Archello, Enchantica, 7-1 The Wyandotte Inn, 8-1 Morning Star, 10-1 others.

1995: MISTER JOEL 9-0 S Maloney (9-2) M W Easterby 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

EWAR ARRANGEMENT 22l 9th of 10 to Showboat in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). FULLOPEP 3l 2nd of 8 to Lady Diesis in maiden at Catterick (5f, good). RED ROMANCE 7l 2nd of 5 to Swino in auction maiden at Carlisle (5f, firm). ARCHELLO 1¾l 3rd of 6 to dead-heaters St Lucinda and Thahabyah in maiden here (5f, firm). ENCHANTICA ¾l and head 3rd of 5 to Swift in conditions race at Catterick (5f, good). MORNING STAR 14l 7th of 10 to Cauton in auction maiden at Ayr (6f, good to firm)
Selection: ARCHELLO

3.45 CAPTAIN COOK CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,282: 7f) (4 runners)

1	(1)	01	CYBERTECHNOLOGY 20 (G) (W Gredley) B Hills 9-3	K Fallon	[illegible]
2	(3)	1	KADEENA 11 (D,G) (Devenish Stud) M Johnston 8-12	J Weaver	89
3	(2)	04	CORAL STRAND 39 (C Golding) J Watts 8-6	W Ryan	93
4	(4)	1	SQUEAK 11 (G) (Lord Hartington) J Gosden 8-6	G Hind	96

BETTING: 5-4 Cybertechnology, 7-4 Squeak, 5-2 Kadeena, 16-1 Coral Strand

1995: LA VOLTA 8-10 R Hughes (9-4) J Fitzgerald 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CYBERTECHNOLOGY beat Will You Dance ½l in 14-runner auction maiden at York (1m, good). KADEENA beat Kafimat 1¾l in auction maiden at Catterick (7f, good). CORAL STRAND 3½l 4th of 6 to What Happened Was in conditions race at Ayr (7f, good to firm). SQUEAK beat Flowing Fortune 6l in 3-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good).
Selection: CYBERTECHNOLOGY

4.15 GANTON HANDICAP (£4,055: 7f) (18 runners)

1	(8)	000300	SAINT EXPRESS 6 (F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-13	K Darley	96
2	(7)	210000	BENZOE 17 (F,S) (T Fawcett) Mrs J Ramsden 6-9-12	K Fallon	98
3	(10)	322430	ASHGORE 176 (D,F,G) (H Ashworth) J Eyre 6-9-11	T Williams	90
4	(2)	623200	ROYAL CEILIDH 10 (D,F,G) (Carlton App Ltd) Denys Smith 3-9-10	G Hind	94
5	(13)	305160	MYBOTYE 31 (CD,F,G) (A Morrissey) G Oldroyd 3-9-10	G Parkin (5)	89
6	(1)	102000	ANTONIAS MELODY 17 (G,S) (Mrs B Georgeou) S Bowring 3-9-9	S D Williams	88
7	(17)	224020	KESTON POND 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Mallinson) Mrs V Aconley 6-9-9	M Deering	95
8	(16)	421421	DIVINE QUEST 27 (D,F) (Lady Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-9-8	W Ryan	90
9	(18)	310100	QUILLING 12 (CD,F) (A Watson) M Dods 4-9-6	R Lappin	92
10	(14)	004001	SADDLEHOME 6 (F,G,S) (K Shaw) T Barron 7-9-6 (6ex)	D McKeown	90
11	(4)	460005	ERTLON 12 (D,F,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 6-9-5	P McCabe (3)	95
12	(11)	304004	PHARMACY 17 (F) (Lady Jane Kaplan) J Watts 3-9-2	M Birch	94
13	(5)	524200	SIHAR 10 (J Gilbertson) J Carr 3-9-2	N Carlisle	89
14	(3)	111000	GYMCRAK FLYER 15 (CD,F,G) (Gymcrak RC) G Holmes 5-8-12	J Fanning	[illegible]
15	(12)	016200	SUPERPRIDE 10 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Ward) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11	A Culhane	95
16	(15)	00-0010	ANTARCTIC STORM 12 (F) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) R Fahey 3-8-8	F Norton	87
17	(6)	360306	CAVERS YANGOUS 6 (V,G,S) (F Leithead) M Johnston 5-8-9	J Weaver	92
18	(9)	350005	BEST OF ALL 17 (B,F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 4-8-6	G Carter	95

BETTING: 7-2 Divine Quest, 6-1 Saddlehome, 7-1 Keston Pond, 8-1 Pharmacy, 10-1 Saint Express, 12-1 Benzoe, Cavers Yangous, 14-1 others

1995: QUILLING 3-9-2 D McKeown (10-1) M Dods 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASHGORE 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Awesome Venture in claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m). MYBOTYE best recent effort beat Oriel Lad head in handicap over course and distance (firm). DIVINE QUEST beat KESTON POND (4lb better off) neck in conditions race at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). SADDLEHOME beat Vax New Way neck in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good to firm) with CAVERS YANGOUS (8lb better off) 1¾l 6th. ERTLON 4¾l 5th to Saltando in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). PHARMACY 2¾l 4th of 27 to Persian Fayre in handicap at York (7f, good) with BEST OF ALL (1lb worse off) 1¾l 5th, QUILLING (1lb worse off) 4l 10th, KESTON POND (3lb better off) 5½l 20th and SUPERPRIDE (1lb worse off) 7l 24th.
Selection: MYBOTYE

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
1.00 Triple Hay. 1.30 Musalsal. 2.00 Whispering Dawn. 2.30 *Laazim Afooz*. 3.00 *Myfontaine*. 3.35 Mustn't Grumble. 4.10 Occam.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 **DEE-LADY.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 Kyle Rhea. 4.10 **REFUSE TO LOSE** (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.00 TUGBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,531: 5f 218yd) (12 runners)

101	(6)	0000	ALWAYS ALIGHT 8 (B) K Burke 9-0	J F Egan	–
102	(8)	05	CANTON RON 24 C Dwyer 9-0	T G McLaughlin	86
103	(1)	0	DANCING MYSTERY 8 E Wheeler 9-0	A Daly (5)	–
104	(12)		HERMANUS M Jarvis 9-0	P Bloomfield	–
105	(2)	6520	MON BRUCE 7 W Muir 9-0	J Reid	93
106	(5)		OK PAL J Akehurst 9-0	G Duffield	–
107	(9)	0	STAKIS CASINOS LAD 40 M Johnston 9-0	M Roberts	–
108	(7)	02	TRIPLE HAY 21 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	[illegible]
109	(10)	5090	V I P CHARLIE 25 J Jenkins 9-0	S Whitworth	82
110	(3)	00	WELCOME HEIGHTS 8 M Fetherston-Godley 9-0	C Rutter	63
111	(4)	5640	MUNICIPAL GIRL 34 B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	71
112	(11)	00	WRN PRINCESS 52 B Meehan 8-9	M Tebbutt	84

7-4 Triple Hay, 4-1 Mon Bruce, 5-1 V I P Charlie, 7-1 Hermanus, Municipal Girl, 8-1 Canton Ron, 10-1 Stakis Casinos Lad, 12-1 others.

1.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND HOBY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,533: 1m 8yd) (17)

201	(7)	60	BRYNKIR 7 D Murray Smith 9-0	D Harrison	87
202	(17)	60	CHALUZ 48 M Johnston 9-0	M Henry (3)	–
203	(3)	0	CITY HALL 12 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	81
204	(8)	00	DUNSTON GOLD 14 P Bevan 9-0	G Bardwell	–
205	(14)	5	GALIBIS 12 P Kelleway 9-0	A Clark	97
206	(5)	03	MOORBIRD 29 M Johnston 9-0	M Roberts	85
207	(1)	5	MUSALSAL 68 B Hills 9-0	M Hills	[illegible]
208	(15)	0	PROTOCOL 14 J Hills 9-0	R Hills	–
209	(16)	00	SAND CAY 23 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	83
210	(13)		STAHR H Candy 9-0	C Rutter	–
211	(6)	0	THE REAL MCCOY 94 M Channon 9-0	R Hughes	–
212	(11)		THREE CHEERS J Gosden 9-0	A Garth	–
213	(2)	0	AQUATIC QUEEN 21 R Weaver 8-9	A Daly (5)	–
214	(9)		KYLE RHEA H Cecil 8-9	Pat Eddery	–
215	(12)		LEADING NOTE L Cumani 8-9	O Urbina	–
216	(10)		NAVAL DISPATCH J Gosden 8-9	J Carroll	–
217	(4)	0	STRICTLY HARD 8 G Bravery 8-9	D O'Shea	82

2-1 Kyle Rhea, 4-1 Naval Dispatch, 9-2 Leading Note, 7-1 Musalsal, 8-1 City Hall, 12-1 Three Cheers, Moorbird, 14-1 others.

2.00 FOSSE WAY CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,166: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

301	(11)	00	GAY BREEZE 15 P Felgate 9-3	J Stack	71
302	(18)	0130	POWER GAME 5 (B,D,BF,F,G) J Berry 9-3	M Hills	94
303	(13)	0154	YEOMAN OLIVER 7 (B,D,G) B McMahon 9-3	G Duffield	[illegible]
304	(20)	00	FAIR LADY 3 J Pearce (Bel) 9-2	J O'Reilly	–
305	(8)	0-0	AJKUIT 20 J Sheehan 8-13	A Morris	–
306	(9)	6-	DUMMEBRAINS 440 J Moore 8-12	J F Egan	80
307	(15)	0204	FOLLOWTHE ALLSTARS 62 (B) T Naughton 8-11	T Sprake	90
308	(17)	0000	AIR WING 17 (G) M Tompkins 8-9	M Henry (3)	96
309	(16)	0	SARASOTA RYDE 22 J Banks 8-8	R Mullen (7)	–
310	(19)	6600	RED RUSTY 10 (D,G) D Morris 8-6	N Day	–
311	(5)	-300	WHISPERING DAWN 27 (D,G,S) M Channon 8-6	J Reid	93
312	(6)	0600	SQUARE MILE MISS 6 P Howling 8-4	A Clark	79
313	(7)	-004	ALAKHLUKI 122 G Lewis 8-2	A Whelan (3)	90
314	(10)	0000	GIDDY 39 J Hetherton 8-2	N Kennedy	96
315	(14)	0060	PETITE HERITIERE 61 M Ryan 8-2	A McCarthy (7)	96
316	(1)	5000	SWEET AMORET 8 (G) P Howling 8-2	D Wright (3)	90
317	(3)	0-60	CANDY'S DELIGHT 33 Mrs S Smith 8-0	F Lynch (3)	78
318	(12)	2404	ESKIMO KISS 6 (B) M Fetherston-Godley 7-12	C Rutter	91
319	(4)	000	SIBERIAN ROSE 36 J Wharton 7-12	N Adams	–
320	(2)	0000	ZDENKA 50 M Blanshard 7-12	J Quinn	91

7-2 Yeoman Oliver, 4-1 Power Game, 6-1 Air Wing, 7-1 Whispering Dawn, 8-1 Alakhluki, 10-1 Followthe Allstars, Eskimo Kiss, 12-1 others.

2.30 BARSBY LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,043: 1m 3f 183yd) (8)

401	(3)	2113	FULL THROTTLE 25 (D,BF,G) M Tompkins 9-4	M Henry (3)	89
402	(1)	-631	LAAZIM AFOOZ 11 (D,G) R Phillips 9-2	R Perham	93
403	(4)	-652	PROSPERO 32 G Harwood 9-0	J Reid	95
404	(8)	1305	CEILIDH STAR 25 (F) B Hills 8-13	Pat Eddery	95
405	(7)	0800	BUDDING ANNIE 64 J Bosley 8-11	C Rutter	80
406	(5)	-046	CHIK'S SECRET 123 B Palling 8-11	T Sprake	78
407	(2)	0050	KITTY KITTY CANCAN 34 (B) Lady Herries 8-11	F Lynch (3)	[illegible]
408	(6)	060	PRECIOUS ISLAND 14 P Dalton 8-11	N Adams	–

7-4 Full Throttle, 5-2 Ceilidh Star, 3-1 Prospero, 7-2 Laazim Afooz, 14-1 Kitty Kitty Cancan, 16-1 Chik's Secret, 20-1 others.

3.00 CASTLE HANDICAP
(£3,917: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

501	(13)	1010	RENOWN 66 (D,BF,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-10-0	D Harrison	88
502	(6)	2061	FAIRY KNIGHT 18 (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-12	Pat Eddery	95
503	(7)	0036	NO PATTERN 25 (F,G) G L Moore 4-9-12	S Whitworth	87
504	(1)	5121	ESKIMO NEL 176 (D,G,S) J Spearing 5-9-12	F Lynch (3)	84
505	(10)	0-00	NAME OF OUR FATHER 8 P Bowen 3-9-11	P P Murphy (5)	87
506	(14)	0502	MYFONTAINE 5 (D,F,G,S) K Ivory 9-9-9	J Carroll	[illegible]
507	(15)	3003	HARVEY WHITE 6 (D,F,G) J Pearce 4-9-8	G Bardwell	91
508	(9)	4145	REX MUNDI 18 (F) P Evans 4-9-7	J F Egan	87
509	(4)	0620	ASKERN 11 (D,BF,F) D Haydn Jones 5-9-6	A Clark	94
510	(3)	1440	NORTH ARDAR 10 (D,F,G) T Wall 6-9-6	D O'Shea	90
511	(17)	5600	GOLDEN TOUCH 12 (D,F,G) D Cosgrove 4-9-5	M Rimmer	85
512	(8)	3203	PRINCESS DANIELLE 27 (D,BF,F,S) W Muir 4-9-5	J Reid	93
513	(2)	5042	MIMOSA 8 (BF,F) S Dow 3-9-2	M Roberts	90
514	(16)	6000	PARLIAMENT PIECE 10 (F,G) J Wilson 10-9-1	C Rutter	98
515	(12)	8415	AUGUSTAN 83 (D,BF,F) S Gollings 5-9-1	Dane O'Neill	84
516	(11)	0550	PREMIER LEAGUE 34 (CD,G,S) J Long 6-8-13	J Wilkinson (7)	96
517	(5)	1203	TROUBADOUR SONG 10 (G) W Haigh 4-8-12	R Hughes	98
518	(19)	6-00	ARZANI 20 D Cosgrove 5-8-10	J Quinn	82
519	(18)	0011	DOUBLE RUSH 72 (D,F,G) T Mills 4-8-10	G Duffield	90

5-1 Eskimo Nel, 6-1 Fairy Knight, 7-1 Renown, 8-1 North Ardar, Princess Danielle, 10-1 Harvey White, Mimosa, 12-1 others

3.35 ERMINE STREET HANDICAP
(£4,192: 1m 8yd) (20)

601	(3)	2050	SAIFAN 10 (B,C,D,F,G) D Morris 7-10-0	N Day	91
602	(18)	-060	QUEENFISHER 31 (F) G L Moore 4-10-0	G Duffield	82
603	(6)	0006	HARDY DANCER 12 (CD,F) G L Moore 4-9-12	S Whitworth	87
604	(9)	0000	QUEENS CONSUL 20 (D,F,G) B Rothwell 6-9-11	J Stack	91
605	(7)	5100	SEVENTEENS LUCKY 17 (D,F,G) Bob Jones 4-9-8	M Wigham	92
606	(20)	0400	FLY TIP 7 (S) B Meehan 3-9-7	M Tebbutt	82
607	(10)	2023	POMONA 32 P Makin 3-9-7	Pat Eddery	88
608	(17)	0000	SHOW FAITH 18 (D,G,S) R Hannon 6-9-6	Dane O'Neill	85
609	(8)	0030	ZAJKO 17 (D,BF,F) Lady Herries 6-9-6	F Lynch (3)	90
610	(14)	5245	DIAMOND BEACH 39 B Hills 3-9-3	M Hills	85
611	(16)	5003	DEE-LADY 7 (F) W G M Turner 4-9-1	D Sweeney (7)	[illegible]
612	(1)	6044	BLATANT OUTBURST 12 G Bravery 6-9-1	J Reid	90
613	(4)	1202	EMBANKMENT 7 (CD,F,S) R Hannon 6-9-1	R Hughes	90
614	(15)	4130	DUELLO 17 (D,F,S) M Blanshard 5-9-0	J Quinn	91
615	(11)	5023	FIONN DE COOL 17 (D,F) R Akehurst 5-8-12	A Clark	94
616	(2)	4000	DELIGHT OF DAWN 35 (C,D,F,G) R Stronge 4-8-7	V Slattery	86
617	(13)	4241	MYSTIC DAWN 15 (CD,F) S Dow 3-8-7	M Roberts	95
618	(19)	0000	GULF SHAADI 24 (D,G) E Alston 4-8-4	D Wright (3)	84
619	(12)	4220	MISSILE TOE 22 (F) J Banks 3-8-0	G Bardwell	88
620	(5)	2103	MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 15 (V,CD,F,G) Miss S Wilton 6-7-12	J Bramhill (7)	96

6-1 Fionn De Cool, 7-1 Sartan, 8-1 Embankment, Zajko, 10-1 Diamond Beach, Mystic Dawn, Pomona, 12-1 Blatant Outburst, Duello, Show Faith, 14-1 others.

4.10 TUGBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II. 2-Y-O: £2,531: 5f 218yd) (12)

1	(11)	00	ASPECTO LAD 24 M Johnston 9-0	M Henry (3)	–
2	(4)	6304	FEARLESS CAVALIER 24 R Hollinshead 9-0	F Lynch (3)	92
3	(6)	00	HONOURABLE FELIX 34 E Alston 9-0	J Quinn	–
4	(3)	06	MR PARADISE 8 T Naughton 9-0	R Hughes	85
5	(1)	0	MUTASAWWAR 38 E Dunlop 9-0	R Hills	–
6	(12)	005	MYOSOTIS 21 P Makin 9-0	G Duffield	[illegible]
7	(8)		OCCAM G Wragg 9-0	M Hills	–
8	(5)	5	REFUSE TO LOSE 38 J Eustace 9-0	J Carroll	89
9	(7)	0	WING OF A PRAYER 21 W Jarvis 9-0	J Reid	71
10	(2)	605	BLOWN-OVER 29 (B) A Stewart 8-9	M Roberts	90
11	(10)	2352	ROYAL EMBLEM 104 (BF) A Foster 8-9	C Adamson (5)	87
12	(9)	0	SANDKATOON 179 J Moore 8-9	N Adams	–

3-1 Occam, 9-2 Refuse To Lose, Royal Emblem, 7-1 Myosotis, 8-1 Fearless Cavalier, 10-1 Wing Of A Prayer, Blown-Over, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

LEICESTER: Trainers: P Chapple-Hyam, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; H Cecil, 22 from 82, 26.8%; L Cumani, 10 from 48, 20.8%; J Gosden, 14 from 74, 18.9%; P Makin, 5 from 27, 18.5%; G Wragg, 7 from 40, 17.5%; R Akehurst, 5 from 32, 15.6%. Jockeys: J Stack, 6 winners from 24 rides, 25.0%; Pat Eddery, 35 from 159, 22.0%; J Reid, 16 from 104, 15.4%; F Lynch, 4 from 26, 15.4%; A Garth, 5 from 36, 13.9%; Dane O'Neill, 5 from 38, 13.2%.

REDCAR: Trainers: J Gosden, 16 winners from 62 runners, 25.8%; H Cecil, 8 from 37, 21.6%; J L Harris, 5 from 28, 17.9%; L Cumani, 5 from 32, 15.6%; T Barron, 12 from 87, 13.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 52 from 379, 13.7%. Jockeys: K Darley, 60 from 292, 20.5%; W Ryan, 18 from 88, 20.5%; G Hind, 11 from 69, 15.9%; G Carter, 11 from 74, 14.9%; K Fallon, 23 from 157, 14.6%; S D Williams, 6 from 43, 14.0%.

☐ Hawksley Hill is the 5-1 favourite with the sponsors for the Ladbroke Autumn Handicap at Newmarket on Saturday. Lynda Ramsden's gelding was successful over the course and distance on his most recent start.

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER
1.40 Herbert Lodge. 2.15 Young Radical. 2.50 Strong Promise. 3.25 Hunters Rock. 4.00 K C's Dancer. 4.30 Doctor Green.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.40 CHELTENHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CLUB MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,801: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1	634-	CHARLIE PARROT 179 M Pipe 6-11-6	A P McCoy
2	/2/	HERBERT LODGE 717 (F,G) K Bailey 7-11-6	C O'Dwyer
3	21-	MARCHING MARQUIS 234 (S) N Chance 5-11-6	R Johnson
4	P-	MR GORDON BENNETT 282 R Dickin 5-11-6	X Aizpuru (7)
5	22	SAMBA SHARPLY 10 (BF) A Hide 5-11-6	P Hide
6		SET THE FASHION 17F (V) D Williams 7-11-6	R Dunwoody
7	F	RIZAL 10 R Eckley 4-11-5	D Walsh (3)
8	5	STUDIO THIRTY 17 C Smith 4-11-5	P Niven
9	060	THE KNITTER 10 J Birkett 4-11-5	P McLoughlin

7-4 Herbert Lodge, 3-1 Marching Marquis, 4-1 Charlie Parrot, 6-1 Set The Fashion, 8-1 Samba Sharply, 14-1 others.

2.15 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,220: 2m 110yd) (5)

1	1	MISTER RM 26 (G) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-13	D Walsh
2	23-1	YOUNG RADICAL 30 (D,F) J Upson 4-10-13	D Parker
3	2342	KALZARI 7 (D,G) A Carroll 11-10-12	Michael Brennan
4	-54U	BALLY PARSON 18 (F,G) R Dickin 10-10-8	X Aizpuru (7)
5	F564	FRONTIER FLIGHT 10 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 6-10-7	E Husband

4-5 Mister Rm, 3-1 Young Radical, 7-2 Kalzari, 14-1 Bally Parson, 16-1 Frontier Flight

2.50 BUSINESS TO BUSINESS DIRECT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,988: 2m 4f 110yd) (3)

1	4-12	STRONG PROMISE 26 (BF,F,G) G Hubbard 5-12-0	K Gaule (3)
2	-P11	PONGO WARING 13 (F,G,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-13	J F Titley
3	P55-	ASHMEAD RAMBLER 176 P Hobbs 6-10-0	C Maude

10-11 Strong Promise, Evens Pongo Waring, 12-1 Ashmead Rambler.

3.25 BUSINESS MARKET ANALYSIS NOVICES HURDLE (£3,485: 3m 2f) (5)

1	21P2	TIPPING THE LINE 24 (F,G) M Pipe 6-11-10	A P McCoy
2	0-01	HUNTERS ROCK 11 (D,F) K Bailey 7-11-5	C O'Dwyer
3	1431	SCAMALLACH 22 (B,F) J Jenkins 6-11-5	G Bradley
4	-F06	LILLY THE FILLY 6 Mrs B Waring 5-10-9	E Byrne
5	546-	WIN A HAND 175 B Ryall 6-10-9	G Upton

4-6 Hunters Rock, 11-4 Tipping The Line, 6-1 Scamallach, 16-1 Win A Hand, 25-1 Lilly The Filly

4.00 ENIGMA NIGHTCLUB AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,493: 3m 1f) (6)

1	/12-	COOME HILL 216 (D,F,G,S) W Dennis 7-12-7	T Dennis (7)
2	1413	ANDRELOT 24 (B,F,G) P Bowen 9-12-1	R Thornton (7)
3	11-R	CHILDHAY CHOCOLATE 24 (F,S) P Nicholls 8-11-2	J Tizzard (7)
4	-593	FOXGROVE 11 (D,F,G) R Price 10-10-7	P Scott (7)
5	5-03	K C'S DANCER 20 (CD,F,S) R Dickin 11-10-7	R Wakley (7)
6	5063	ARTFUL ARTHUR 22 (V,G) L Grassick 10-10-7	K Whelan

2-1 Childhay Chocolate, 9-4 Coome Hill, 7-2 Andrelot, 7-1 K C's Dancer, 13-1 Foxgrove, 25-1 Artful Arthur

4.30 ROSEHILL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,469: 2m 110yd) (8)

1	11	DOCTOR GREEN 7 (V,D,F,G) M Pipe 11-8	A P McCoy
2	2422	BEN BOWDEN 12 (F) M Blanshard 11-3	J Osborne
3	P0	ARROGANT HEIR 13 D Brown 10-12	Mr A Rebori
4		QUIET MOMENTS 53F P Murphy 10-12	W Marston
5	1	SIBERIAN MYSTIC 52 (D,G) P Murphy 10-12	W McFarland
6	50	SOLDIER BLUE 10 P Hobbs 10-12	R Dunwoody
7		STARTINGO 87F R Brown 10-12	T J Murphy
8		YEZZA 8F A Jarvis 10-7	A Maguire

4-6 Doctor Green, 3-1 Siberian Mystic, 7-1 Yezza, 10-1 Ben Bowden, 12-1 Quiet Moments, 20-1 Soldier Blue, 33-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 16 winners from 80 runners, 20.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 30 from 203, 14.8%; R Dickin, 4 from 33, 12.1%; A Jarvis, 4 from 35, 11.4%; M Pipe, 25 from 225, 11.1%

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 11 winners from 55 rides, 20.0%; R Dunwoody, 36 from 189, 19.0%; W Marston, 14 from 90, 15.6%; A Maguire, 23 from 150, 15.3%; J Osborne, 19 from 146, 13.0%; G Bradley, 9 from 89, 10.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cheltenham: 1.40 Set The Fashion, 4.00 Artful Arthur. Leicester: 2.30 Kitty Kitty Cancan, 4.10 Blown-Over. Redcar: 2.10 Rumpelstiltskin, 2.40 Katie Komaite

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Leicester

Going: good to firm

12.45 (5f 218yd) 1. BAYIN (R Street, 5-1 fav). 2. Beau Venture (T Sprake 11-1), 3. Madrina (K Darley, 20-1), 4. Sue Me (J Reid, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Bee Health Boy, 15-2 Dissentor (6th), 8 Colston-C, 9 Castlerea Lad, 10 Another Nightmare, 12 Rambold (5th), 20 Cheeky Chappy, Featherstone Lane, Halbert, Petraco, Rapier Point, 25 Maybank, 33 Lady Saron, Polli Pui, 40 Mu-Arib, 50 Honeyhall, Imperial Red. 21 ran. NR Press Again. ¾l, ¾l, ½l, nk, hd. M Usher at East Garston. Tote £5.90; £2.00, £7.60, £5.50, £2.00. DF £59.80. Trio £377.90. CSF £60.16. Tricast £997.61.

1.15 (1m 8yd) 1. DESERT ZONE (C Lowther, 20-1), 2. Arcatura (R Cody-Boutcher, 25-1); 3. Baba Au Rhum (J Dennis, 11-1); 4. Yuppy Girl (A Hardey, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Cats Bottom (5th), 11-2 Funky, 15-2 Gadge, 8 Bold Angel, Queen Of Shannon (6th), 10 Just Harry, Super Park, 11 Northern Judge, 12 Western Venture, 14 Proud Brigadier, Speedy Snaps Pride, 20 Kowtow, 25 Butterwick Belle, Mubaraz, Vanborough Lad, 33 Adilov. 20 ran. 4l, hd, ¾l, 3½l, hd. J L Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote £36.70; £5.50, £10.40, £2.50, £12.10. DF £245.80. CSF £489.48. Tricast £5,246.80.

1.45 (7f 9yd) 1. MARAUD (F Lynch, 14-1). 2. Swan Island (T Sprake, 25-1); 3. Return Of Amin (T Williams, 9-2 fav). 4. Pericles (J Weaver, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Princess Of Hearts, 6 Tinkerbell (6th), 7 Bluebell Miss, 8 Petrel, 10 Commenan, 12 Inverdream, King Uno, 14 Mirror Four Life, Ninth Symphony, Silver Secret (5th), Suave Star, Windborn, 25 Dizzy Tilly. 17 ran. ¾l, 2l, 2½l, shd, hd. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote £30.20; £9.00, £2.50, £1.10, £5.40. DF £284.30. Trio £263.10. CSF £335.66. Tricast £1,782.95.

2.15 (7f 9yd) 1. ORTELIUS (R Hughes, 40-1); 2. Prince Of Denial (T Sprake, 12-1); 3. Tanaasa (J Reid, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Memorise (6th), 5 Just Grand (4th), 20 Swinging The Blues, 25 Freedom Chance, Hanshom, 33 Sharpest (5th), 40 Palns. 10 ran. NR. sh hd, hd, ½l, 4l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote £157.10; £15.50, £2.00, £1.90. DF £85.40. Trio £129.20. CSF £407.89.

2.45 (7f 9yd) 1. MASHMOUM (J Carroll, 10-1); 2. Applaud (K Darley, 10-11 fav); 3. Tumbleweed Ridge (Pat Eddery, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Welton Arsenal (4th). 4 ran. NR. Mari. ¾l, ¾l, 1¾l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote £10.60. DF £4.70. CSF £18.63.

3.15 (1m 3f 183yd) 1. MASEHAAB (K Darley, 4-1), 2. Harbour Dues (K Fallon, 7-4 fav); 3. Wahiba Sands (T Sprake, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Mohawk River (4th), 4 Dovaly (6th), 10 Weet-A-Minute (5th). 6 ran. 3l, 5l, 1l, 3l, 18l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote £6.60; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £3.90. CSF £11.83.

3.45 (5f 218yd) 1. ARAPI (G Duffield, 7-2), 2. Bee's Ruby (J Weaver, 8-1); 3. Tajreebah (J Carroll, 25-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Miss Golden Sands (6th), 9 Midnight Shift (4th), 12 Finians Bay, Ruby Tuesday, 16 Oxbane, 20 Passion (5th), 33 Come Together, Ocean Light, Terry's Rose, 50 Trevor Mitchell. 13 ran. NR. Noble Story. ¾l, 2¼l, nk, 3l, nk. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote £4.30; £2.40, £7.60, £8.00. DF: £9.80. Trio £51.70. CSF £33.54

4.15 (5f 218yd) 1. OGGI (Pat Eddery, 9-2 jt-fav); 2. Souperficial (N Day, 11-1), 3. Mansab (J F Egan, 9-2 jt-fav). 4. Ballard Lady (J Bramhill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Everset, 8 Redskin Lady, 9 Denbrae, 10 Maraschino (5th), Scissor Ridge (6th), 12 Jareer Do, Never Think Twice (5th), 14 Albright Then, Sabaah Elfull, 16 Miss Aragon, 20 Magic Melody, 25 Prudent Princess, Rockcracker, Rowlandsons Stud, 33 Efupl, 50 Green Golightly, 100 Northern Clan. 21 ran. NR: Dominelle. 1½l, ¾l, 1¾l, 1¾l, ¾l. P Makin at Ogbourne Maisey. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £2.30, £3.60, £2.20. DF: £21.80. Trio £184.70. CSF: £64.90. Tricast: £249.39

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,180.31 carried forward to Leicester today).

Placepot: £12,867.60 (0.56 winning tickets. Pool of £7,551.06 carried forward to Leicester today).

Quadpot: £246.40.

Lingfield Park

Going: good (turf); standard (aw)

1.00 (7f) 1. Miss Sancerre (M Hills, 10-11 fav); 2. Kilshenny (8-1); 3. Amaryllis (3-1). 11 ran. NR Caribbean Star. 3l, sh hd. G Wragg. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £3.30, £1.40. DF: £8.50. Trio: £6.10. CSF: £9.83

1.30 (7f) 1. Apache Star (M Hills, 11-8 fav); 2. Sweeten Up (9-4), 3. Melodica (10-1). 10 ran. NR Pennywell. 1¾l, 4l. G Wragg. Tote: £2.30; £1.00, £1.40, £3.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.37

2.00 (7f) 1. Maylane (M Roberts, 9-2); 2. Stamp (14-1); 3. Royale Finale (9-4 fav). 18 ran. 7l, 3l. A Stewart. Tote: £5.40; £2.00, £3.10, £2.10. DF: £22.80. Trio: £80.60. CSF: £69.38

2.30 (1m 5f AW) 1. Hoofprints (A Clark, 9-4); 2. Matthias Mystique (6-1); 3. Coh Sho No (8-1). Shirley Venture 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 1l, 1½l. G Harwood. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.70, £1.70. DF £9.20. CSF: £15.20.

3.00 (5f) 1. Jennelle (Jo Hunnam, 4-1); 2. Derb Alota (11-4 fav); 3. Joint Venture (25-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, 2¾l. C Dwyer. Tote: £4.80; £1.20, £2.20, £6.30. DF £12.20. CSF: £15.97

3.30 (1m 4f AW) 1. Mantul (N Kennedy, 7-2 fav). 2. Almuhtaram (5-1); 3. Allstars Express (12-1). 14 ran. Sh hd, 9l. W Elsey. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £2.40, £7.80. DF £10.30. Trio: £106.30. CSF: £21.23. Tricast: £181.68

4.00 (7f AW) 1. Twin Creeks (C Rutter, 16-1); 2. Dancing Heart (8-1), 3. Invocation (12-1). Fresh Fruit Daily 5-1 fav. 15 ran. 1½l, nk. V Soane. Tote: £26.60; £7.00, £3.90, £2.90. DF: £158.70. Trio: £404.50. CSF: £129.19. Red Admiral (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound.

Placepot: £20.20. Quadpot: £15.10.

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ICE HOCKEY

Owner puts Steelers up for sale at £4 million

By Our Sports Staff

SHEFFIELD Steelers have been put up for sale for £4 million. They are arguably the biggest team in the country at present and there appears to be no shortage of interest from potential buyers.

George Dodds, the millionaire businessman based in Spain who owns the Steelers, said: "The organisation cannot stand still. We have to expand to achieve and for that we need to find someone with the money to invest. Three parties have already said they wish to become involved partially or wholly in our operation. We are also in talks with a fourth party.

"Three of those are public limited companies. I would listen to any approach prepared to share the increasing load of developing the club." Part of that development is a plan to build a £1.2 million roller rink close to the Steelers' Sheffield Arena base.

The appeal of the team was underlined by the 11,405 spectators who watched their away win against Manchester Storm at the weekend, the biggest Superleague crowd of the season. Frank Kovacs and David Longstaff each scored twice in the Steelers' 7-2 victory, which took them back to the top of the table.

Behind them are Newcastle Cobras and Cardiff Devils, who took sole possession of third place with a 6-4 home win over Bracknell Bees. Only two of the ten goals were scored with both teams at equal strength. All four of Bracknell's goals were scored during powerplays, as were three of Cardiff's goals, with McCarthy scoring while his own team were short-handed.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket

Uefa Cup
Second round, second leg
Brondby (2) v Aberdeen (0) (7.0)
Newcastle (2) v Ferencvaros (3) (8.0)

Nationwide League
First division
Bolton v Reading (7.45)
Bradford v Crystal Palace (7.45)
Grimsby v Oldham (7.45)
Oxford Utd v Stoke (7.45)
Port Vale v Barnsley (7.45)
Portsmouth v Birmingham (7.45)
Southend v Manchester City (7.45)
Tranmere v Charlton (7.45)

Second division
Bournemouth v Bristol City (7.45)
* Bristol Rovers v Brentford
Crewe v Rotherham
Notts County v Walsall (7.45)
Peterborough v Shrewsbury (7.45)
Plymouth v Gillingham (7.45)
Preston v Burnley (7.45)
Stockport v Chesterfield
Watford v Luton (7.45)
Wrexham v Bury
York v Wycombe Wanderers

Third division
Carlisle v Chester (7.45)
Colchester v Exeter (7.45)
Darlington v Barnet
Doncaster v Lincoln
Fulham v Scunthorpe (7.45)
Hartlepool v Northampton
Hereford v Cambridge Utd
Hull City v Cardiff City
Leyton Orient v Scarborough (7.45)
Mansfield v Torquay (7.45)
Rochdale v Brighton
Swansea v Wigan

SPALDING CUP: First round: Farnborough v Hayes (7.45).
FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replays (7.45): Altrincham v Barrow; Southport v Spennymoor; Hendon v Hastings; Cheltenham v Bath.
DR MARTENS CUP: First round, second leg: Bedworth v Tamworth; Bilston v Redditch; Cambridge City v Buckingham; Cinderford v Gloucester; Clevedon v Witney; Crawley v Dartford; Dudley v Evesham; Grantham v Corby; Gresley v Ilkeston; Margate v Erith and Belvedere; Merthyr Tydfil v Yate; Moor Green v Sutton Coldfield; Nuneaton v Hinckley; RC Warwick v Shepshed Dynamo; King's Lynn v Raunds; Stafford v Halesowen Town, Tonbridge Angels v Ashford; Trowbridge v Weston-super-Mare.
ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Heybridge v Yeading. First division: Berkhamsted v Basingstoke, Thame v Marlow. Second division: Cheshunt v Edgware; Hemel Hempstead v Ware. Third division: Braintree v Kingsbury.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Guiseley. First division: Congleton v Warrington; Eastwood v Stocksbridge PS; Netherfield v Atherton LR. League Cup: First round replay: Radcliffe v Leigh. Second round: Great Harwood v Chorley, Leek v Gainsborough; Lincoln United v Boston, Marine v Knowsley; Matlock v Worksop; Alsion v Colwyn Bay.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Wolverhampton (7.0).
SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield v Brislington. Les Phillips Cup: First round: Chard v Bristol Manor Farm.
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers premier division Cup: Royston v Buckingham Athletic
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Maine Road, Newcastle Town v Atherton Collieries
BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Wolverhampton v Tividale.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Halstead; Hadleigh Utd v Sudbury; Walton v Gorleston. League Cup: First round: Norwich United v Bury Town
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington v Thatcham; BAT v Whitchurch, Bemerton Heath v Gosport.
UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Desborough v Northampton Spencer; St Neots v S and L Corby.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Three Bridges, Burgess Hill v Hailsham, Horsham YMCA v Pagham. John O'Hara League Cup: Second round: Eastbourne v Peacehaven/Telscombe
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Whitstable v Tunbridge Wells.

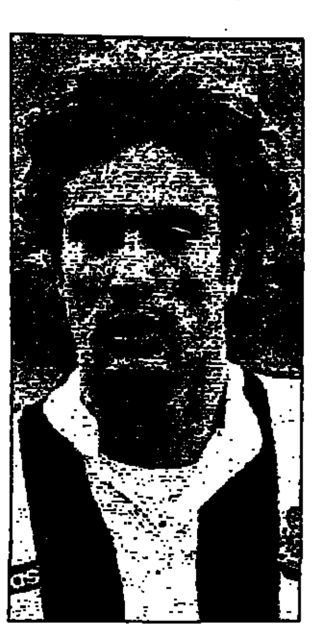
RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Bath v Bristol (7.15)
Saracens v Northampton (7.30)

Welsh League
Second division
Abercynon v Bonymaen (7.0)
Blackwood v Cross Keys (7.0)
Llandovery v Cardiff Inst (7.0)
Maesteg v South Wales Police (7.0)
Pontypool v Aberavon (7.0)
Ystradgynlais v Abertillery (7.0)
SRU UNDER-21 INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Edinburgh District v South of Scotland (at Murrayfield); North and Mid Scotland v Exiles (at Murrayfield, 6.0)

Ginola's cultured vision reaches beyond field of dreams

David Maddock meets the Newcastle winger fascinated by the contradictions of British life


Ginola: deep thinker

As much as any man is loathe to admit it, you can see what all the fuss is about with David Ginola. It is the eyes — steely blue, piercing. They are eyes to make any woman swoon, sure, but more than that, they are searching, revealing — the eyes of a man with insight.

It is apparent on the pitch, where Ginola sees things for Newcastle United that mere mortal footballers cannot. It is apparent, too, when he expressively answers the questions aimed at him, but responds too with questions from the eyes, because he is probing as much as being probed.

That is not to say that he is Sartre, but he does have a well-rounded view of English society and a rare political insight for a footballer marooned in a culture not so much strange to him, but totally alien.

He finds English culture baffling, particularly the intrusive nature of it, and the injustice more apparent in British society than in his native France. "I have passion about football, and I could not live without it, because it gives me everything, it gives me money," he said.

"People say money can't buy you happiness, but that's wrong, people who do not have money have no hope in your society. We live in a world which is driven by two things, sex and money. Everybody can have sex, but most people do not have money, and that makes them unequal.

"If you respect money, then it can do great things to help people, but we live in a world where people use it in the wrong way. In England, it is very apparent. You have the Queen, who doesn't work, and has the greatest fortune in the world. Then you have the workers. There is a huge divide, and I sense it is maybe morally bankrupt a little."

Picture Ginola, and you get the image of dandy and fashion model, a man for whom image is the most important thing. Talk to him, and he reveals a greater depth. It is not a contradiction, because he has many levels, and is comfortable on them all.

His image is important, and he is, of course, talking from a privileged position, but he still has some important things to say. He talks with passion about people starving in Africa, while in France it is fashionable to becomer thinner.

He talks, too, about poverty in England, where the poor have lost their self-respect. He believes that, if England is to change, then it must awaken to the false morality underpinning its class system. "I was burgled, and I can understand that man wanting to take my possessions, because he couldn't earn them himself," he said.

"But he was bouncing on my bed, trashing the place? Where is the respect for other people, for himself? It is gone. But I think if society is to progress, then you have to change people's thinking and morality."

The point is, not that he is intelligent, but that he is well-rounded. He has a breadth of character that is generally lacking in the modern-day pop-star footballer, for whom life is one long string of controlled situations.

It is, he says, because of his family. He is happiest with them, he claims, and the strongest passion that he expressed throughout our interview was his desire to shield his wife, son and daughter from the excesses of intrusion into lives.

"What I hate most is people who try to break up the life of another person," he said. "In France, we have much more privacy. In England, I cannot go into Newcastle any more with my wife. I have to be careful with everything all around me. There are too many wrong stories, and it can make you paranoid.

"I am not unhappy, my wife is not unhappy, we do not want to leave, even though it has been written all the time. We were burgled, and people said I wanted to leave the country because of it, but I don't. Of course, my wife wanted to get out of the house, but you would, if the person had come into your home by the window of your daughter."

Ginola is not leaving Newcastle, not this season, anyway. He has resolved his differences with Kevin Keegan, talking to a manager whom he respects and explaining that his best work is in attack, not defence. Keegan agreed, after initially asking him to play deeper, and the result was displayed in the 5-0 defeat of Manchester United, where Ginola believes his true form returned.

He goes into the Uefa Cup match against Ferencvaros tonight happy that his simple footbaling philosophy will be given expression at St James' Park. "So many players play with just one foot, and the other is just for getting on the bus," he said. "But, for many fans, football is an escape; they want to have pleasure, and I want to give it to them. I try to help defend, but I will always be a striker, that is my philosophy, and Kevin Keegan understands that."

Rob Hughes reflects on the fall of Hungary as a great football power

Lost legacy of the Magical Magyars

On this day 40 years ago, right in the middle of the brief Hungarian Uprising of 1956, arguably the finest football team in history broke up. That team revolutionised, or should have done, the English as well as the world game, for it was the team in cherry red that destroyed England 6-3 at Wembley in the autumn of 1953, and 7-1 in Budapest the next spring.

Up to the uprising, this Hungary team, who had introduced new strategies and new standards of technical excellence to the game, had a record that read: played 51, won 43, drawn 7, lost 1. They never once failed to score and hit 220 goals while conceding 58.

However, on October 29, 1956, Ferenc Puskas, the Hungary captain, the "Galloping Major", was called to the National Assembly and told by Imre Nagy, the new Premier of "free" Hungary, to take Honved, which had the nucleus of the national squad, to as many overseas cities as he could. The politician decreed that the prowess of the football team would be used to put his new regime and the new liberty on the international map.

Two days later, Nikita Khruschev rejected Russian withdrawal from Hungary, and, by November 4, 60,000 Soviet troops had crushed the resistance in Budapest, killing more than 2,500 Hungarians. By then, Honved were in Bilbao to play a European Cup match and, disobeying the orders of the Soviet puppet government to return, Puskas and his pals continued to play their world tour. They journeyed to Seville, to Milan, to Rio de Janeiro.

Hidegkuti, right, scores Hungary's sixth goal in their historic victory over England at Wembley in 1953. Photograph: Popperfoto

The Magical Magyar era was over. Not only were most of the Puskas generation lost to Hungarian football in their prime, but also a national youth team, the intended successors, were abroad when the revolution fell, and stayed abroad.

When Ferencvaros take the field tonight against Newcastle United at St James' Park in the Uefa Cup, their team will be a pale shadow of what Hungarian football once was. Yet that very club originally had Sandor Kocsis, the son of a Ferencvaros innkeeper. It also had Laszlo Budai and Zoltan Czibor, the wingers. All three had been conscripted to Honved, the army club, to join Puskas. Gyula Grosics, the fine goalkeeper, and Jozsef Bozsik, the wing half and brain of the Hungary team.

When the disobedience came, the fates of the comrades of Honved were dispirate. Bozsik, a member of the House of Deputies, returned immediately to continue his career on the field and in parliament. Grosics, who had been accused of smuggling and had defected via Austria with his wife and two children, was charged with spying and exiled, ostracised even by friends.

'Puskas was 40 years ahead of his time'

Puskas, meanwhile, epitomised the opportunism of Hungarians who strayed abroad. His rank of army major was ridiculed by his own statement that he wore a uniform only when it rained. It rained pesetas for him in Spain, where, joining up with Alfredo di Stefano, the Argentinian, he prolonged his career wonderfully with Real Madrid. Who says that Bosman was the first to exercise the freedom of the footballer?

With his black hair parted down the middle, Puskas could have been a figure of the 1930s; with his eye for the main chance, he was 40 years ahead of the modern mercenaries.

Of course, what he did abroad he had done for the Magyars. With his portly frame but deadly left foot, Puskas scored 83 goals in 84 appearances for Hungary. Kocsis, the "Golden Head," hit 75 goals in only 68 internationals, and Hidegkuti, who played with the No 9 on his back but became the forerunner of the deep-lying centre forwards — using intelligence, sensitivity and guile — scored 39 goals also in 68 appearances. They had so much to teach us.

Today, British football appears to be ready to discover the *libero*, the free-wheeling central defender who attacks in the style of Franz Beckenbauer. He invented that freedom, did he not?

Well, Gyula Lorant began initiating Hungarian attacks from his defensive station long, long before any German or Englishman tried it.

They were athletes, too, these masters of improvisation. Hidegkuti clocked 11.9sec for 100 metres, and he freely admitted that he was slower than Budai and Czibor, the wingers. He also said that roly-poly Puskas was quicker than any of them over the first ten metres.

They could talk wittily as well. "The football is always faster than the footballer," Hidegkuti once said. Later, coaching in Florence, he observed: "More and more people are thinking about the game today — and the more they think, the worse the game becomes."

Some of them are now dead, but, before they went, they became wine merchants back in Budapest, coaches spreading their wiles in Africa, Arabia and Europe, or, like Puskas, finally returning via Spain and Greece to launch a scheme a year ago to persuade the Romany population to give their feeling for music and art to the lost Hungarian skills of football.

They have lost it, but it was remarkable, in the first place, that an occupied country of ten million people could produce football to teach the world.

This was the team that destroyed English illusions at Wembley in November 1953: 1, Gyula Grosics; 2, Jeno Buzanszky; 3, Mihalyi Lantos; 4, Jozsef Bozsik; 5, Gyula Lorant; 6, Zozeef Zakarias; 7, Laszlo Budai; 8, Sandor Kocsis; 9, Nandor Hidegkuti; 10, Ferenc Puskas; 11, Zoltan Czibor.

The legendary Puskas leads out Hungary alongside Billy Wright, of England

Aitken relies on powers of persuasion

By Kevin McCarra

MANAGERS are given to noisy exaltations, but there are occasions, too, when their powers of persuasion are put to the test. Roy Aitken, as he prepares Aberdeen for the return leg of their Uefa tie against Brondby in Copenhagen this evening, is in the position of a barrister whose client is damned by the weight of the evidence.

After a 2-0 defeat by the Danish side at Pittodrie a fortnight ago, the verdict on his team looks inevitable. Surely they will suffer the early expulsion from European football that has become an autumn ritual for Scottish clubs. Aitken, of course, is not permitted to take so bleak a view of the prospects.

As an advocate must be, he was skilled in the selection of evidence as he put his case yesterday. If goals are required, Aitken argued, Aberdeen are particularly well-equipped to provide them. Billy Dodds and Dean Windass, the manager pointed out, have a combined total of 27 goals so far this season.

In addition, Aitken has available to him two other international forwards, Booth and Shearer, who are both fit again. "If we create the sort of chances we did in the first leg, we can score over here," he insisted. The attention of sceptics is also directed to Aberdeen's two previous away matches in the Uefa Cup this season, that saw them run up seven goals, defeating Zalgiris Vilnius 4-1 and drawing 3-3 with Barry Town.

The manager, however, cannot really hope to topple some firmly-based pessimism about tonight's second-round match. As Liverpool found in losing to them a year ago at the same stage of the Uefa Cup, Brondby exude efficiency. At Pittodrie, too, there was an air of cruel calculation.

The Danes scored in the final minutes of each half, achieving the maximum damage to Aberdeen's morale with their timing. Aitken does not accept that his men are powerless to resist the opposition's plans. "I'm sure Brondby will realise they were fortunate to come away with a two-goal advantage from the first game," he said, "and all our play this season shows that we are geared to going forward."

Nonetheless, the manager is seeking a result never before achieved by any of his countrymen. To advance to the next round, Aberdeen will have to become the first Scottish club to overhaul a two-goal deficit on foreign soil.

Merely keeping Brondby at bay may be difficult enough, since two central defenders, Brian Irvine and John Inglis, have yet to prove their fitness, while a third, Antoine Kombouare, is ineligible. The Danes could lack Kim Vilfort, as well as John Jensen, but then they hardly need to be at their strongest.

This season, Aberdeen have become a more stable club and the 1-0 victory over Raith Rovers on Saturday, laboured though it was, ensured that the confidence built in the 2-2 draw with Rangers at Ibrox the previous weekend was not dissipated. The side is unlikely to progress this evening, but Aitken is intent on ensuring that its self-belief survives.

Last season, Aberdeen won the Coca-Cola Cup but proved an inconsistent team. European football cannot be used as the proper measure for judgment of the club's improvement and Aitken's plans are unlikely to be shaken by any events on the field of play against Brondby.

Holland falls flat at Leyton Orient

LEYTON Orient, of the Nationwide League third division, yesterday dismissed their manager, Pat Holland. Orient have not won for five matches, three of which have been defeats, and a 3-0 loss at Cardiff City on Saturday left them seventeenth in the table. The first-team coach, Tommy Cunningham, will be in charge for the match against Scarborough tonight.

David Sullivan, the owner of Birmingham City, pledged his future to the first division club yesterday, ending speculation that he was to leave St Andrew's. Sullivan had threatened to go a month ago after the club and its managing director, Karren Brady, were committed to Crown Court on November 15 for allegedly issuing misleading ticket prices.

Neil Lennon, the Leicester City midfield player, last night dismissed claims that he made obscene gestures at Newcastle United supporters as "a storm in a teacup". Several spectators lodged complaints during Newcastle's 2-0 defeat at Filbert Street on Saturday. "I haven't heard anything official, but I'll be disputing the allegations if I have to," Lennon said.

Tommy Wright has been recalled to the Northern Ireland squad for the World Cup group nine qualifier against Germany in Nuremberg on November 9. The Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, 33, presently on loan to Reading, had considered retirement last season after a long struggle with a knee injury.

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD (v Germany, Nuremburg, Nov 9): A Fettis (Nottingham Forest), T Wright (Reading), N Worthington (Stoke City), K Gillespie (Newcastle United), M Hughes (West Ham United), I Dowie (West Ham United), K Rowland (West Ham United), N Lennon (Leicester City), N Lomas (Manchester City), C Hill (Leicester City), G Taggart (Bolton Wanderers), B Hunter (Reading), P Gray (Nancy), K Horlock (Swindon Town), G McMahon (Stoke City), D Griffin (St Johnstone), S Morrow (Arsenal), I Nolan (Sheffield Wednesday)

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Atlanta 17 Pittsburgh 20; Baltimore 37 St Louis 31; *Cincinnati 28 Jacksonville 21; Detroit 7 New York Giants 35*; Green Bay 13 Tampa Bay 7; Houston 9 San Francisco 10; Philadelphia 20 Carolina 9; Washington 31 Indianapolis 16; Arizona 21 New York Jets 31; Denver 34 Kansas City 7; Miami 10 Dallas 29; Seattle 32 San Diego 13, New England 28 Buffalo 25

American Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
New England	5	3	202	165
Buffalo	5	3	129	145
ndianapolis	5	3	140	145
Miami	4	4	178	150
NY Jets	1	8	145	233

Central division

	W	L	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	164	120
Houston	5	3	183	153
Baltimore	3	5	196	232
Jacksonville	3	6	172	181
Cincinnati	2	6	156	181

Western division

	W	L	PF	PA
Denver	7	1	223	134
Kansas City	5	3	158	142
Oakland	4	4	179	148
San Diego	4	4	172	199
Seattle	3	5	141	200

National Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
Washington	7	1	192	115
Philadelphia	6	2	180	158
Dallas	5	3	165	117
Arizona	3	5	119	188
NY Giants	3	5	124	154

Central division

	W	L	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	1	240	99
Minnesota	5	2	127	116
Detroit	4	4	169	159
Chicago	2	5	104	152
Tampa Bay	1	7	85	165

Western division

	W	L	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	2	193	115
Carolina	5	3	173	111
New Orleans	2	6	121	180
St Louis	2	6	136	222
Atlanta	0	8	140	227

(Not including last night's match Minnesota v Chicago)

FIXTURES: Sunday: Atlanta v Carolina; Baltimore v Cincinnati; Chicago v Tampa Bay; Dallas v Philadelphia; Green Bay v Detroit; Indianapolis v San Diego; New York Giants v Arizona; Pittsburgh v St Louis; Buffalo v Washington; Minnesota v Kansas City; New England v Miami; Seattle v Houston; New Orleans v San Francisco. Monday: Oakland v Denver

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 85 Leicester 78; Leopards 82 London Towers 80.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Leopards	10	8	2	968	871	16
Chester	9	7	2	788	743	14
Sheffield	9	7	2	782	648	14
Leicester	8	6	2	699	634	12
Birmingham	7	5	2	577	545	10
London	8	5	3	713	612	10
Manchester	8	5	3	647	612	10
Derby	11	4	7	986	1052	8
Newcastle	6	4	2	549	536	8
Thames Valley	11	3	8	1035	1051	6
Crystal Palace	11	2	9	806	925	4
Worthing	9	2	7	735	797	4
Hemel and W	9	0	9	764	1003	0

7-UP TROPHY: North pool: Sheffield 90 Manchester 80.

BOWLS

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: Welsh indoor singles championship: Final: A Bushell (Newport) bt N Leigh (Cardiff) 7-6, 5-7, 7-4

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 6 Logrones 0; Extremadura 1 SD Compostela 1; Celta Vigo 0 Zaragoza 0; Hercules Alicante 0 Racing Santander 1; Rayo Vallecano 2 Oviedo 2; Deportivo Coruña 1 Real Sociedad 0.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Freiburg 0 VfL Bochum 1.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Uniao Leiria 3 Belenenses 1; Chaves 0 Setubal 1; Salgueiros 3 Gil Vicente 2; Estrela Amadora 3 Braga 1; Farense 0 Leca 0; Rio Ave 2 Maritimo 3.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: River Plate 3 Gimnasia de Jujuy 0; Gimnasia y Esgrima 1 Huracan 0; Huracan de Corrientes 2 Estudiantes 2; San Lorenzo 4 Colon 1; Lanus 1 Racing Club 1; Union 3 Banfield 1; Ferrocarril Oeste 1 Rosario Central 3; Independiente 2 Deportivo Español 2; Velez Sarsfield 1 Boca Juniors 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Atletico MG 4 Botafogo 3; Goias 1 Cruzeiro 0; Flamengo 1 Internacional 2; Gremio 1 Palmeiras 1; Corinthians 0 Santos 0; Bragantino 3 Juventude 1; Guarani 1 Bahia 0; Parana 2 Criciuma 0; Atletico PR 6 Sport 2; Portuguesa 2 Fluminense 0; Vitoria 2 São Paulo 0; Vasco da Gama 2 Coritiba 3.

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Semi-final stage: Group two: Panama 0 Canada 0

GOLF

KAANAPALI, Hawaii: Kaanapali Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 198: R Charles (NZ) 64, 65, 69. 199: H Irwin 63, 66, 70. 200: S Verato 69, 65, 66. 203: D Bies 68, 67, 68. 204: *D Borman 68, 70, 66.* 205: D January 70, 69, 66; G Marsh (Aus) 67, 68, 70; B Allin 67, 67, 71; J Jacobs (GB) 68, 66, 71. 206: D Stockton 69, 70, 67; C Coody 67, 69, 70. 207: J Albus 73, 67, 67; B Stroble 68, 69, 70, J McGee 69, 67, 71. Other score: 218: A Jacklin (GB) 73, 74, 71.

HOCKEY

HA CUP: Third round draw: Blackheath v Harborne; Blueharts v Worcester Norton, *Bromley v Ipswich, Cambridge City v Isca,* Cannock v Crostyx, Chelmsford v Lions, Chichester v Guildford; Edgbaston v Doncaster; Fareham v York; Firebrands v City of Portsmouth; Gloucester City v Anchorians; Gore Court v Nottingham; Hampstead and Westminster v Jersey; Harleston Magpies v Peterborough Town; High Wycombe v Harrogate, Hull v Bloxwich; Indian Gymkhana v Trojans, Northampton Saints v Weston-super-Mare; Norton v Canterbury, Old Walcountians v Lewes, Oxford Hawks v Hounslow; Sheffield v East Grinstead; Sheffield Bankers v Bournville; Southgate v Barford Tigers, Stourport v Southport; Surbiton v Wimbledon, Teddington v Havant; Timperley v St Albans; Warrington v Brooklands; Yeovil and Sherborne v Beeston

PORT OF SPAIN: Women's World Cup preliminary tournament: New Zealand 2 Japan 1; India 1 Scotland 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): San Jose 6 Chicago 2; New York Rangers 6 Buffalo 4; Florida 3 Philadelphia 2; Calgary 4 Anaheim 1

SUPERLEAGUE: Cardiff 6 Bracknell 4, Manchester 2 Sheffield 7

PREMIER LEAGUE: Medway 6 Guildford 3; Peterborough 2 Kingston 5; Solihull 4 Swindon 6; Telford 5 Slough 4. Northern Premier League: Castlereagh 6 Blackburn 14; Dumfries 9 Whitley 5, Murrayfield 3 Paisley 11.

RUGBY FIVES

CLIFTON COLLEGE, Bristol: West of England championships: Singles: Quarter-finals: N Roberts bt D Hebden 11-0, 11-0; H Buchanan bt J Beswick 11-3, 11-2; R Carr bt B Hanton 11-7, 12-10; I Fuller bt D Fox 11-0, 11-4. Semi-finals: Roberts bt Buchanan 11-12, 11-4, 11-4. Fuller bt Carr 11-4, 11-4. Final: Fuller bt Roberts 11-1, 11-2. Doubles: Quarter-finals: D Hebden *and I Fuller bt N Buttersfield and R Seddon* 11-1, 11-1. P Atkinson and N Austin bt J Beswick and R Holland 11-8, 11-8; D Fox and H Akerman bt B Hanton and H Buchanan 11-8, 4-11, 11-9; N Roberts and R Carr bt S Watson and T Lewis 10-12, 11-1, 11-3. Semi-finals: Hebden and Fuller bt Atkinson and Austin 9-11, 11-2, 11-2; Roberts and Carr bt Fox and Akerman 11-4, 11-8. Final: Hebden and Fuller bt Roberts and Carr 11-7, 11-8.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCH: Royal School Dungannon 13 Belfast Royal Academy 17.

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: Grand Prix: Final: M Williams (Wales) bt E Henderson (Scot) 9-5

SPEEDWAY

BUXTON GRAND NATIONAL: 1, A Compton (Bradford); 2, C Taylor (Wolverhampton); 3, A Barlow (Berwick).

LINLITHGOW PAIRS TROPHY: 1, P Gould (unattached) and B Scott (Linlithgow) 21. 2, P Scully (Linlithgow) and I Milne (Linlithgow) 16

SQUASH

NEW YORK: Bolle Tournament of champions: Semi-finals: C Rowland (Aus) bt Jansher Khan (Pak) 15-10, 15-7, 15-13. J Power (Can) bt P Nicol (Scot) 15-4, 15-7, 13-15, 15-13. Carol Weymuller women's Open: Semi-finals: C Jackman (Eng) bt M Martin (Aus) 9-2, 5-9, 10-8, 9-3; L Irving (Aus) bt S Horner (Eng) 9-1, rtd

TENNIS

QUEBEC: Women's tournament: Final: L Raymond (US) bt E Callens (Bel) 6-4, 6-4

PARIS: Men's tournament: First round: M Rosset (Switz) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-2, 6-4; D Vacek (Cz) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-3, 7-6, P Korda (Cz) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; A Berasategui (Sp) bt R Furlan 6-2, 6-2; M Larsson (Swe) bt B Ulrach (Cz) 6-4, 6-1; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt C Caratti (It) 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; C Pioline (Fr) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-4, 6-3

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,807pts, 2, M Chang (US) 3,886; 3, Boris Becker (Ger) 3,575; 4, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 3,253; 5, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 3,222; 6, T Muster (Austria) 3,166, 7, W Ferreira (SA) 2,403, 8, A Agassi (US) 2,363; 9, R Krajicek (Hol) 2,333; 10, M Rios (Chile) 2,030; 11, T Martin (US) 1,923; 12, T Enqvist (Swe) 1,838, 13, A Costa (Sp) 1,757; 14, J Courier (US) 1,634; 15, F Mantilla (Sp) 1,588; 16, J Siemerink (Hol) 1,549, 17, M Stich (Ger) 1,518, 18, S Edberg (Swe) 1,493; 19, A Berasategui (Sp) 1,489; 20, C Pioline (Fr) 1,488; 21, A Corretja (Sp) 1,463; 22, M Washington (US) 1,813, 23, M Rosset (Switz) 1,362; 24, C Moya (Sp) 1,347, 25, T Henman (GB) 1,293; 26, M Woodforde (Aus) 1,291, 27, R Reneberg (US) 1,291; 28, M Gustafsson (Swe) 1,290; 29, P Haarhuis (Hol) 1,223; 30, M Philippoussis (Aus) 1,221; 64, G Rusedski (GB) 807; 190, C Wilkinson (GB) 213, 193, D Sapsford (GB) 209; 197, M Petchey (GB) 197; 263, L Milligan (GB) 141; 284, J Delgado (GB) 124; 307, N Weal (GB) 110, 344, C Beecher (GB) 92; 348 A Richardson 90; 360, N Gould (GB) 85.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 1 Birmingham 3; Essex Estonians 1 Ashcombe Guildford 3, Manchester United Salford 3 Orpington 0; Reebok Liverpool City 0 London Malory 3

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 2

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1	A Villa v Nott'm F	1
2	Derby v Leicester	2
3	Leeds v Sunderland	X
4	Man Utd v Chelsea	1
5	Sheff W v South'pton	2
6	Tott'nh'm v West Ham	1
7	Wimbledon v Arsenal	X

FIRST DIVISION

8	Bolton v Hudd'field	1
9	Bradford v Oldham	1
10	Norwich v Charlton	1
11	Oxford v Ipswich	X
12	P Vale v Birmingham	2
13	Portsmouth v W Brom	1
14	QPR v Stoke	1
15	Southend v Reading	1
16	Swindon v Man City	2
17	Tranmere v C Palace	X
18	Wolves v Barnsley	1

SECOND DIVISION

19	Bourn'm'th v Bury	X
20	Bristol R v Gillingham	1
21	Crewe v Wycombe	1
22	Millwall v Walsall	1
23	Notts Co v Shr'wsb'ry	1
24	Peterboro v Blackpool	1
25	Plymouth v Luton	2
26	Preston v Rotherham	1
27	Stockport v Bristol C	2
28	Watford v Brentford	1
29	Wrexham v Chest'f'd	X
30	York v Burnley	2

THIRD DIVISION

31	Carlisle v Wigan	1
32	Colchester v Cardiff	2
33	Doncaster v Chester	1
34	Fulham v Lincoln	1
35	Hartlepool v Brighton	X
36	Hereford v Barnet	X
37	Hull v Cambridge	1
38	Leyton O v Torquay	2
39	Mansf'd v Scunth'pe	2

SCOTTISH PREMIER

40	Celtic v Aberdeen	1
41	Hearts v Dunf'mline	1
42	Moth'rw'll v Dundee U	2
43	Raith v Rangers	2

SCOTTISH FIRST

44	Clydebank v Falkirk	X
45	Dundee v St Mirren	1
46	G Morton v Airdrie	2
47	* St J'stone v E Fife	1
48	Stirling v Partick	X

SCOTTISH SECOND

49	Berwick v Hamilton	2

* Pools panel to adjudicate

DRAWS (home teams). Leeds, Wimbledon, Oxford, Tranmere, Bournemouth, Wrexham, Hartlepool, Hereford, Clydebank, Stirling

BEST DRAWS: Leeds, Tranmere, Bournemouth, Wrexham, Hereford.

AWAYS: Southampton, Birmingham, Luton, Burnley, Torquay.

HOMES: Aston Villa, Bolton, Bradford, Crewe, Millwall, Preston, Doncaster, Celtic, Hearts, Dundee.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Aston Villa, Bolton, Bradford, Crewe, Preston. Aways: Southampton, Torquay, Rangers. Draws: Leeds, Wrexham, Hereford

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SPORTS POLITICS

Birmingham striving for academic success

By David Miller

BIRMINGHAM, in partnership with Birmingham University, yesterday became the first city to launch a formal bid to create the Government's proposed British Academy of Sport.

Lord Howell, the former minister for sport, outlined the city's plans yesterday at Alexander Stadium, one of the four centres around which the academy would be formed. There were ten-year-old boys, affiliated to Aston Villa FC, present, among several prominent West Midlands sports performers of the future. The academy, Lord Howell emphasised, was essentially a long-term venture.

"Don't expect miracles by the 2000 Olympics in Sydney," he said. "Getting fundamentals [competitive sporting opportunities among schoolchildren] restored will take until 2008."

Other bids are expected from Bath, Leeds, Liverpool, the London boroughs of Redbridge and Greenwich, Manchester, Sheffield and a consortium of Wrekin, Loughborough and Nottingham. The deadline is on Thursday.

The Government's prospectus accords no copyright to the bids, which means that the Government, in the shape of the new UK Sports Council, can, in theory, pick the best aspects from all the bids and then nominate, independently, its own site.

"The prospectus [released only in July] has glaring omissions," Lord Howell said. Among these were the lack of provision for annual administration costs, estimated by Birmingham's financial advisers to be something close to £10 million.

It was impossible, he added, for any bid to have provided, in the brief time available before the deadline, the guarantees of planning permission for facility development that are demanded in the prospectus.

Sir Rodney Walker, the chairman of the England Sports Council, which will fund the UK Sports Council, has said unofficially that, if the England Sports Council does not approve of the choice of academy site by the UK body, it will not allocate the £100 million of National Lottery funds that has been set aside for it.

Ignoring the Government's suggestion of a green-field site, Birmingham has opted for a "web-net" policy, utilising four areas of the city. They would be linked to existing sports-specific centres at Lilleshall, Holme Pierrepont (watersports), Bisham Abbey, The Belfry, Plas-y-Brenin (mountain sports) and elsewhere: a policy advocated by leading sports performers and by the 26 sports governing bodies consulted by Birmingham.

The four centres would be Wast Hills to the south, which would have the prescribed 350-bed village, plus a cricket school; Birmingham University, where new swimming, gymnastics and tennis facilities would be built; the National Indoor Arena, already the venue for 13 world and European championships; and Alexander Stadium, where an additional indoor track would be constructed.

The British Olympic Association has been consulted as administrator of many of the elite programmes, and would be a cornerstone partner in the project, which would be run as a limited liability company to avoid placing onerous responsibilities on trustees. The city's financial commitment to the academy would be £55 million.

Lord Howell promised that the web principal would embrace established nationwide centres. "We're not going to throw away anything valuable," he said.

GILL ALLEN

Roger Allery plays out of a bunker under the watchful gaze of Bill Jackson, his Pall Europe Ltd team-mate

Fall guys fall short once again

By Mel Webb

THE TIMES Mees Pierson CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE

THE wind howled, the flags on straining poles stood out as starch-stiff as a row of washing on a frosty morning. It was no day to be playing golf. Yet play they did at Mannings Heath yesterday in the Southern Home Counties regional final of *The Times* Mees-Pierson Corporate Golf Challenge — and, if they did not exactly beat the course and the weather, they gave both a good run for their money.

The event, the tenth in the 12-tournament regional final series of the most prestigious corporate golf competition in the British Isles, brought victory for Deloitte and Touche, the firm of chartered accountants. They will be heading for La Manga and the national final next month — but only by the skin of their teeth.

Victory was not clear-cut. In fact, three teams tied on 85 Stableford points and Deloitte and Touche beat Associated Nursing Services only after a countback of the last nine holes. ANS themselves took second place from Fleetlease (UK) after adding up the last six holes of the beautiful and testing Waterfall course.

It was the third year running that ANS had reached a regional final and, with finishes of second, third and second, they must be counted as the unluckiest side never to have played in a Challenge national final. All four members of the company's team had putts for victory on the last hole and all missed. There were four long faces after it was all over.

Deloitte and Touche's four players — Patrick Hope, Andy Jackson, Wallace Grace and Duncan Maltby, the first two employees, the second pair clients — extended the hand of sympathy to their closest rivals; but it was comparatively easy for them to commiserate: they had grabbed what ANS seem destined never to touch.

So what of the winners? They started badly and finished equally poorly, but, in between, played some good golf in awful conditions. They collected a mere two points on each of those holes and were bitterly disappointed with such a lowly score on the 1st, after hitting four good drives. They did not capitalise on the opening hole, but came back to play soundly.

Their first six-point hole did not arrive until the par-five 8th, where Grace hit the green in three and two-putted from 35 feet for a net birdie and three points, and Hope chipped on after missing the green and holed a six-footer.

They were on 41 points through the turn and were perked up by a seven-point score on the 11th, where Maltby hit a seven-iron to eight feet, followed by a single putt for a net eagle and four points. Jackson added a net birdie and three.

Another seven-pointer came their way at the 17th, another par five, where Holt had a net birdie for three and Grace holed an uphill putt from 12 feet for a net eagle three. That was good; what followed — two points on the 18th — was not so clever. They did not think that they had done enough. They had.

RESULTS

85: Deloitte and Touche, Associated Nursing Services plc, Fleetlease (UK) Ltd (Deloitte and Touche won on countback of back nine, Associated Nursing Services second on countback of last six) 83: Winchester White Ltd; Lyon Pilcher; Pall Europe Ltd. 82: The J Rothschild Partnership; London Metal Exchange; Duracell Batteries Ltd 81: Hyatt Hotels and Resorts; K T Electrics. 78: Paul Davidson Taylor, Coopers and Lybrand (South Coast Practice) 77: Hall and Coaker; Cresta Insurance Brokers, Societe Generale; Persona plc. Nationwide Building Society; IBC Group plc; VCM Communications 76: Microsoft Ltd 74: GWS (UK) Shopfitting Ltd. 73: F C Foreman and Partners; Premier Administration Ltd 72: CLC Group Ltd. 71: Hays Express Services.

IN BRIEF

Prean is back in England fold

A DISPUTE between Carl Prean, the international, and the England table tennis administrators has been settled after 18 months, during which time Prean, from the Isle of Wight, refused to turn out for England. The start of the acrimony goes back six years when England welcomed Chen Xinhua, the Chinese World Cup winner, a move not appreciated by Prean, 29, or his father and coach, John Prean, who was chairman of the English Table Tennis Association for three years during that period.

In May last year, in Tianjin, China, at the world championships, the bad feelings between Chen and Prean came to a head with verbal attacks and Prean indicated that he would be unlikely to play for England again, but Don Parker, the England coach until last week and now chairman of selectors, has spent a great deal of time negotiating with Prean to get him back into the squad.

Still at sea

Sailing: The last three yachts in the BT Global Challenge fleet were still trying to get into Rio yesterday, led by *Pause to Remember*, which was likely to claim twelfth place some time last night. *Courtaulds International* and *Time & Tide* are expected in the early hours of this morning.

New year return

Boxing: Richie Woodhall has revealed that he will not be retiring from the ring after his failure to win the World Boxing Council middleweight title. There had been a question mark over the his future after his defeat by Keith Holmes, the title-holder, in Maryland on October 19. He plans to return in the new year.

Home comfort

Hockey: Teddington and Southgate, former winners, have drawn home matches in the third round of the Hockey Association Cup. Teddington entertain Havant and Southgate face Barford Tigers.

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RUGBY UNION

European contenders return to home front

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE possibility of a quarter-final meeting in the Heineken Cup will play on the minds of Leicester and Harlequins this week as they try to gauge the needs of domestic competition against those of Europe. Both are involved in Courage Clubs Championship matches tomorrow, against London Irish and Sale, respectively, before concluding their pool games in Europe on Saturday.

Should Leicester retain the leadership of pool B by beating Llanelli, they could meet Harlequins, who entertain Caledonia Reds. That, though, depends on whether Brive, who upset Harlequins on Sunday, hang on to top place in pool C by beating Ulster in Belfast.

Bath, England's third contender for European honours, face Bristol at the Recreation Ground tonight before turning their thoughts to Treviso at the weekend. It is 15 years since Bristol last came away from Bath victorious, and they have not beaten them in 12 league matches.

With Jonathan Callard injured, Bath field Jason Robinson at full back and hand the goal-kicking to Mike Catt. Andy Robinson leads the team in a pack showing five changes from that which beat Dax on Saturday.

Despite the absence of four injured players, including the Robert Jones, Mark Regan and Alan Sharp, Bristol are in bullish mood. "The team is learning that you can actually sneak games through togetherness and application," Alan Davies, the club coach, said.

Michael Lynagh, the former Australia stand-off half, plays his first league game for Saracens since injuring a shoulder in early September against Wasps. Saracens entertain Northampton at Enfield with a team showing eight internationals, against the seven likely to be fielded by Northampton. The clash of Kyran Bracken and Matt Dawson, two prospective England scrum halves, should attract interest with the game against Italy looming closer.

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Sheehan on Bridge

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This fluky French slam got the British off to a bad start in the junior European championships held this year in Cardiff.

Dealer South **Love all** **IMPs**

♠A K 9 7 4 3
♥Q 7 6 5
♦—
♣Q 7 2

♠10 6 2
♥J 8 4
♦K 7 6
♣9 6 5 3

N
W E
S

♠8 5
♥A 10 3
♦9 8 5 4 3
♣K J 8

♠Q J
♥K 9 2
♦A Q J 10 2
♣A 10 4

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	1 NT
Pass	2 H	Pass	2 S
Pass	4 D	Pass	4 H
Pass	6 S	All Pass	

Contract: Six Spades by South **Lead: six of clubs**

South's 1 NT opening showed 15-17 points: North's Two Hearts was a "transfer", showing at least five spades. His Four Diamonds was a "splinter", showing diamond shortage and slam interest with strong spades. Over Four Hearts, a cue-bid, North was worth no more than Four Spades, the bid made by the British North after the same start at the other table. Jumping straight to slam was more than a little exuberant.

Laurent Bouscarel, the French declarer, played low from dummy on the club lead, beat the jack with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds — discarding a club — and led the queen of diamonds, covered and ruffed. Then came a spade to the queen, the jack of diamonds — discarding the queen of clubs — the jack of spades and a club ruff.

Now, the ace of spades left East with no good discard. He was down to ♥A 10 3 ♦9 8 ♣K. In technical jargon, he was "squeezed in three suits without the count". The king of clubs, or his actual choice of a diamond, gives up a trick in simple fashion, while a heart discard allows declarer to establish a second trick in that suit by leading towards the king and then ducking on the way back.

☐ The Great Britain women's team have qualified for the quarter-finals of the Olympiad in Rhodes. A 24-6 victory over Spain in the final match left them comfortably in fourth place in their group. They will meet Austria in the quarter-finals. The Open team narrowly failed to qualify in an exciting last round.

Correction: East's diamonds were unfortunately omitted from the hand yesterday. They should have been J 9 6 3 2.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CARRAGEEN
a. A dog-cart
b. A clerical collar
c. Seaweed

CRENITIC
a. Idiotic
b. Formed by a spring
c. A stress accent

CANNET
a. A Somerset tea-can
b. A duck without feet
c. A drummer's riff

CUBEB
a. A berry
b. The double cube
c. A Caribbean language

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Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Champion wins

Chris Ward has had a fine season during 1996. He has won the British championship, gained himself the grandmaster title and added to his laurels by taking first prize in the Owens Corning international grandmaster tournament at Wrexham in North Wales.

Final scores

Ward	6½/9
Davies	6
Martin and Csom	5½
Dunnington	5
Murugan	4½
Karlsson	4
Sahu and Martinovsky	3
Hartman	2

Burst of tactics

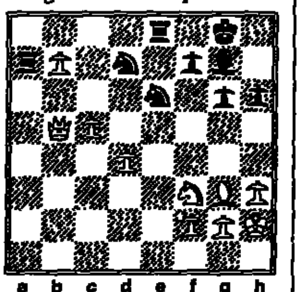
The following game was played in the final round. White employs the increasingly popular Trompovsky opening to exert a powerful cramping effect on Black's queenside. In spite of Black's attempts to break out by tactical means, involving the trade of his queen for White's two rooks, White's bind on the queen's flank remained the decisive factor.

White: Dunnington
Black: Hartman
Owens Corning, Wrexham
October 1996

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	d5
2	Bg5	h6
3	Bh4	c6
4	Nf3	Qb6
5	b3	Nd7
6	e3	e5
7	Bg3	exd4
8	exd4	Ngf6
9	Bd3	Be7
10	0-0	0-0
11	Re1	Re8
12	c4	Nf8
13	h3	Be6
14	c5	Qd8
15	Nc3	N6d7
16	b4	Bf6
17	Qd2	b5
18	a4	a5
19	axb5	axb4
20	Na4	cxb5
21	Bxb5	Qa5
22	Bc6	Ra6
23	Nb6	Qxa1
24	Rxa1	Rxa1+
25	Kh2	b3
26	Qb2	Ra7
27	Qxb3	g6
28	Nxd5	Bg7
29	Qb5	Bxd5
30	Bxd5	Ne6
31	Bb7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



White's passed c-pawn is unstoppable.

Times book

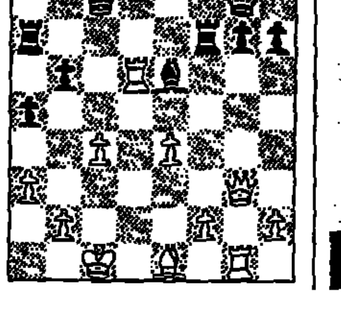
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. From the game Galliamova — Litinskaya, Women's Olympiad, Erevan, 1996. Black, doubtless anxious to deal with White's threats along the g-file, now succumbed to a strike from a different direction. How did White continue?



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CHANGING TIMES

Woods takes root in a changing world

From the anguish of Augusta to the anger at Collingtree, **John Hopkins**, golf correspondent, reviews the 1996 season

There were two astonishing golfing performances in 1996. The first was Nick Faldo's victory in the Masters, coming from six strokes behind Greg Norman at the start of the fourth round to win by five. The Masters has provided some remarkable scenes in recent years — most notably Jack Nicklaus winning in 1986 when he was 46 — but what unfolded on the afternoon of April 14 was one of the saddest spectacles of recent years, not just in golf, but in sport.

Those of us who were at Augusta felt like ghouls. We wondered whether we should avert our eyes. We were not watching a glorious celebration of a sporting event, but something resembling a car wreck.

Faldo came out of it with enormous credit for the gracious way in which he consoled Norman at the end. It was Faldo's sixth major championship, and it may well be that nothing became him so much as the manner of his winning it.

By the same token, nothing became Norman so much as his dignity having lost the Masters. All credit to him for not running away from what must have been a horrifying experience. Norman was saying, in effect: "I will be back, just you wait and see."

He did not finish worse than seventeenth in the four major championships this year and in those events had a stroke average 70.19, a statistic bettered only by Tom Lehman, the Open champion and, perhaps, the player of the year. In October, Norman, 41, admitted that he was now only 60 per cent a professional golfer and, in saying that, there may have been a hint of a reaction to the events at Augusta.

Faldo himself overcame some challenges, but had to face up to others. Bad weather conditions in mid-May turned The Oxfordshire into a nightmare for some of the best players. Along with Montgomerie, Langer, Lyle and Woosnam, he failed to break 80 on the last day.

Faldo: earned credit for his consoling words

There were complaints by players at the Scottish Open, at Carnoustie, and at various other events. Some of the players' gripes were risible — too much sand in the bunkers was one of them. In an event at Collingtree at the end of August, however, the greens were so bad that 13 players withdrew or retired and Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, publicly apologised for the condition of the course.

The European Tour is basically sound and successful, though its communications could be improved, and Severiano Ballesteros was right when he called for better courses. If these are not forthcoming, Ballesteros forecast, the best players will go elsewhere and that would mean a shortage of sponsors. "We could end up with 54 very cheap tournaments every year," Ballesteros said.

Ian Woosnam won the first tournament of a season that was to be his most successful since 1990. He won three more, but still could not get past the formidable figure of Colin Montgomerie at the top of the European money-list. Increasingly, Montgomerie is not only the best player in European golf, he *is* European golf: the man on whose shoulders the whole Tour rests. If he decides to decamp to the United States — and there is a school of thought that suggests he should — then his home tour will look very lightweight.

Woosnam's season ended in marked contrast to the way it had started. Whereas he was reasonably supple and very cheerful in Singapore, last weekend, in Spain, he was sore and downcast. He had to be trussed up like a chicken in a harness to protect his injured back, which may soon have to be operated upon. Rheumatoid arthritis prevented Jose Maria Olazábal from competing in 1996.

So to the other dominant performance of the year. There has been nothing in golf like the play of Tiger Woods since he turned professional in August, having signed contracts variously estimated at $40 million (about £26 million). Since then, Woods, 20, from the United States, has finished in the top five in five successive events.

Jack Nicklaus put the Woods phenomenon into perspective when he said: "I don't think we've had a whole lot happen in, what, ten years? I mean some guys have come on and won a few tournaments, but nobody has sustained and dominated. I think we might have somebody now."

The rules were changed for Woods, so he is now likely, if not almost certain, to qualify for the Ryder Cup next year. All of which adds excitement and interest to the golf season in 1997. Good as he is now, the word about Woods is this: You ain't seen nothin' yet.

Woods: top-five finishes in successive events

1996 FACTS AND FIGURES

LEADING RYDER CUP POSITIONS (leading ten qualify automatically at end of August 1997, Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain, selects two wild cards): 1, C Montgomerie (Scot) 295,896pts; 2, T Bjorn (Den) 199,616; 3, C Rocca (It) 176,247; 4, D Clarke (N Ire) 172,738; 5, S Torrance (Scot) 147,947; 6, P-U Johansson (Swe) 144,823; 7, M A Martin (Sp) 144,028; 8, P Broadhurst (Eng) 108,784; 9, J van de Velde (Fr) 105,392; 10, P Mitchell (Eng) 96,655; 11, L Westwood (Eng) 95,721; 12, M A Jimenez (Sp) 91,557; 13, M Davis (Eng) 81,076; 14, R Chapman (Eng) 75,657; 15, A Coltart (Scot) 73,858; 16, S Ballesteros (Sp) 73,730; 17, I Woosnam (Wales) 69,805; 18, R Drummond (Scot) 67,064; 19, P Harrington (Ire) 66,430; 20, P Curry (Eng) 66,220

ORDER OF MERIT: 1, Montgomerie £875,146; 2, Woosnam 650,423; 3, R Allenby (Aus) 532,143; 4, Rocca 482,585; 5, M McNulty (Zim) 463,847; 6, Westwood 428,693; 7, Coltart 345,936; 8, Clarke 329,795; 9, Broadhurst 300,384; 10, Bjorn 292,478; 11, Harrington 285,023; 12, Mitchell 282,608; 13, S Ames (Trin) 271,284; 14, R Russell (Eng) 268,830; 15, P McGinley (Ire) 264,966; 16, W Riley (Aus) 250,733; 17, Martin 248,791; 18, Van de Velde 248,711; 19, Jiménez 240,737; 20, J Lomas (Eng) 236,322

LOWEST ROUND: 61 (-10) Colin Montgomerie (European Masters)

LOWEST TOTAL: 260 (-24) Montgomerie (European Masters)

LOWEST HALFWAY TOTAL: 128 (-14) Ian Woosnam (German Open); Sam Torrance (European Masters).

BIGGEST WIN: 7 shots: Mark McNulty (Volvo Masters).

HIGHEST WINNING SCORE: 289 (+1): Woosnam (Scottish Open).

LOWEST FINISH BY WINNER: 62 (-10) Paul McGinley (Hohe Brucke Open)

HIGHEST FINISH BY WINNER: 75 (+3), Woosnam (Scottish Open)

LOWEST HALFWAY CUT: 137 (-5). German Open.

HIGHEST HALFWAY CUT: 153 (+9) Scottish Open

LEADING IN ALL FOUR ROUNDS: Peter Hedblom (Moroccan Open), Retief Goosen (Northumberland Challenge)

ALBATROSSES: 1. Anders Forsbrand (Catalan Open).

MOST HOLES-IN-ONE: 2: Fabrice Tarnaud (Cannes Open, Spanish Open)

FIRST-TIME TOUR WINNERS: 13 (Sven Strüver, Paul Lawrie, Hedblom, Raymond Russell, Diego Borrego, Padraig Harrington, Goosen, Marc Farry, Tom Lehman, Lee Westwood, McGinley, Jonathan Lomas, Thomas Bjorn).

MOST WINS: 4: Woosnam (Johnnie Walker Classic, Heineken Classic, Scottish Open, German Open).

MOST BIRDIES: 380: Westwood. Eagles: 19: Bjorn.

BEST STROKE AVERAGE: 70.13: McNulty.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: DALLAS OFFER JOHNSON REMINDER OF FORMER GLORIES

Cowboys settle old score in style

By Our Sports Staff

DALLAS Cowboys had a point to prove; not to the rest of the National Football League, not to the rest of the country, not even to themselves; just to Jimmy Johnson, of Miami, Florida. Prove it they did, comprehensively, beating Johnson's Miami Dolphins, in front of their own supporters at Joe Robbie Stadium, 29-10 on Sunday night. It was the result that the Cowboys were looking for from the moment their season's fixtures were announced.

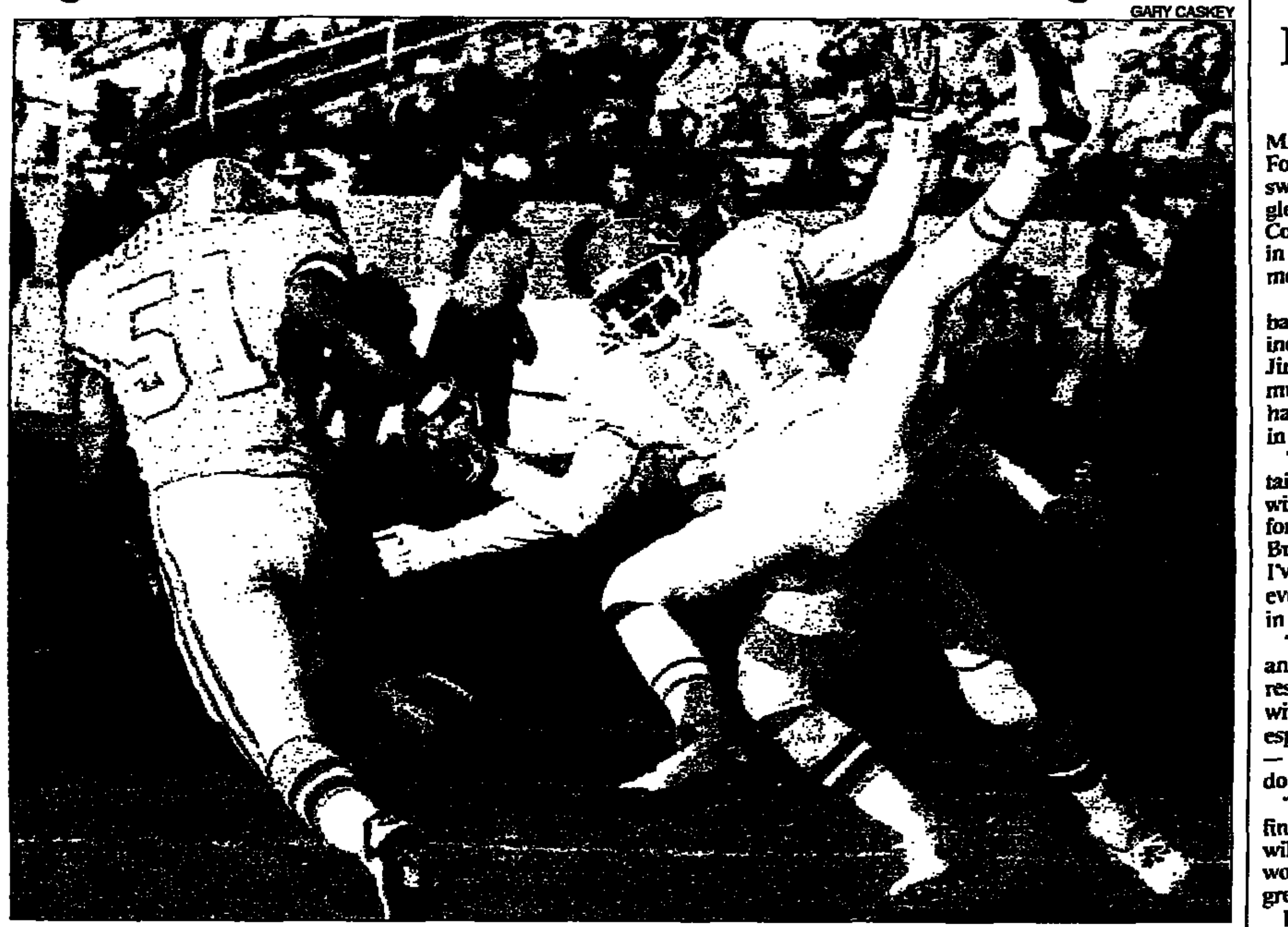
Although they protested that simply winning was what mattered, that the presence of Johnson directing the Dolphins on the opposite touchline was insignificant, nobody should believe a word of it. Johnson was the man who built the modern Cowboys, the team of the Nineties, winning two Super Bowls and leaving many of the players in place for Barry Switzer, his successor, to win a third in 1996. He might have won that third championship himself had he and Jerry Jones, the Cowboys' owner, not fallen out, prompting his acrimonious departure from Texas Stadium. Jones had a point to prove on Sunday, so did Switzer, so did the players, those left over from Johnson's days and those who came later. Of course it mattered.

Troy Aikman, the Dallas quarterback, was one of Johnson's protégés, so Johnson cannot have been too surprised to see him throw for 363 yards and three second-half touchdowns. Neither can he have been surprised to see Emmitt Smith run his team ragged, with 74 yards on 22 carries, despite a defence that had been ordered specifically to stop him. Even the return from injury of Dan Marino, the near-legendary Miami quarterback, was not enough to give Johnson some relief, for, although Marino guided his team to a 10-9 half-time lead, he then faded.

The victory kept the Cowboys in touch with Washington Redskins, the NFC East leaders, who won their seventh consecutive match on Sunday, a 31-16 defeat of Indianapolis Colts (Terry Allen scoring three touchdowns for the third game in a row), and Philadelphia Eagles, who stayed one win behind the Redskins with a 20-9 victory over Carolina Panthers.

New York, however, had other matters on its mind. Yes, the Giants, also in the traditionally powerful NFC East, humbled the dangerous Detroit Lions 35-7; more important, the Jets won. They had not won all season until they travelled to Tempe, Arizona, but they put all past failures behind them when they beat the Cardinals 31-21. Only Atlanta Falcons have yet to win a match this season — they lost, 20-17, to a Norm Johnson field goal three seconds from the end against Pittsburgh Steelers.

GARY CASKEY



Chris Penn drops the ball as John Mobley, of Denver Broncos, closes in during Kansas City Chiefs' 34-7 defeat

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MOTOR SPORT

Brundle to drive in RAC Rally

By Our Sports Staff

MARTIN BRUNDLE, the Formula One driver, will swap his Jordan-Peugeot single-seater for a Ford Escort Cosworth when he competes in the RAC Rally next month.

Brundle will join an elite band of grand prix drivers — including Graham Hill and Jim Clark, former world Formula One champions — who have tested their driving skills in the rally world.

"If I was taking up mountain climbing, it's like starting with Everest, but I'm looking forward to it enormously," Brundle said. "It is something I've always wanted to do — ever since my father competed in the 1970s.

"I know a lot of rally drivers and have a great deal of respect for them. It is an event with a huge reputation — especially the Kielder stages — but I've not driven them so don't fear them yet.

"My aim is to enjoy it and to finish. I have no illusions it will be tough, but it is a wonderful opportunity and a great challenge."

Brundle, 38, from Norfolk, will have Roger Freeman, the vastly-experienced 1986 British open champion, as his co-driver for the three-day event that starts in Chester on November 23.

Juha Kankkunen, Stig Blomqvist and Ari Vatanen, all former world champions, are among those taking part in the event that involves 1,130 miles of driving, including 257 miles on 27 special stages.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

CARRAGEEN

(c) A kind of seaweed (*Chrondus crispus*), also called Irish moss, common on the British coasts, of a cartilaginous texture and a purplish colour, becoming yellowish-white when dried. It yields on boiling a nutritive demulcent jelly, used for food and medicine. From *Carragheen* near Waterford in Ireland, where it grows abundantly. "Carrageen moss, in the time of the dreadful destitution in Ireland, in 1831, was the means of preserving many families from starving."

CRENITIC

(b) Minerals brought to the surface and formed by the action of a spring. From the Greek *krēnē* a well or spring. "This newly proposed explanation of the origin of crystalline rocks, through the action of springs bringing up mineral matters from below, might be called the crenitic hypothesis, from the Greek *krēnē* a fountain or spring."

CANNET

(b) In heraldry, a duck borne as a charge, without feet or bill. From the French diminutive of *cane* a duck.

CUBEB

(a) The berry of a climbing shrub, *Piper Cubeba* or *Cubeba officinalis*, a native of Java and the adjacent islands. It resembles a grain of pepper, and has a pungent spicy flavour, and is used in medicine and cookery. Usually in the plural *cubebs*, which in pharmacy is sometimes construed as a collective singular. "Cubebs strengthen a weak and windy stomach."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, Rxe6! Qxe6; 2, Qb8+ Rf8; 3, Qxa7 winning a piece.

SQUASH

Jackman nets second triumph over Martin

CASSANDRA JACKMAN has achieved her second victory in eight days over Michelle Martin, the world No 1, to reach the final of the Carol Weymuller open championship in New York (Colin McQuillan writes).

Jackman, 23, from Norfolk, defeated Martin, 29, from Australia, 9-2, 5-9, 10-8, 9-3 and now meets Liz Irving, another Australian, ranked No 3, who put out Suzanne Horner, the British champion, in the other semi-final at the Heights Casino club.

Jackman defeated Irving to reach the World Open final earlier this month in Malaysia and went on to the team final a week later, where she scored her first victory over Martin since she moved to the head of the world game in 1992.

In the Bolle Tournament of Champions, which is being played alongside the Weymuller memorial event this week, Jansher Khan, the men's world No 1, from Pakistan, joined Martin in semi-final defeat. Khan went down 15-10, 15-7, 15-13 to Craig Rowland, an unseeded Australian.

Rowland, who put out Brett Martin, the world No 3, in the first round, will face the unseeded Jonathan Power, of Canada, in the final. Power beat Peter Nicol, the world No 4, from Scotland, 15-4, 15-7, 13-15, 15-13 in the semi-final.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lindsay admits tour crisis was inevitable

THE financial crisis surrounding the Great Britain tour of New Zealand, which prompted the early departure home of nine players, came as no surprise to Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League (RFL) chief executive (Christopher Irvine writes).

Lindsay admitted yesterday that losses on the six-week trip, estimated at £500,000, had been anticipated. Britain, 2-0 down in the series, play their last game in Christchurch on Friday. "We never expected to recover much by way of gate receipts given to us by the New Zealand Rugby League, which have been widely optimistic to say the least," Lindsay said.

"With the receipts being significantly down, it has meant a significant drain on our resources. We have been drip-feeding the tour to the tune of £250,000 already and, of course, we are separately responsible for all the international travel costs and players' wages."

Daryl Powell, one of the senior Britain players, criticised the RFL's handling of the tour. "The results on this tour have been disappointing, but the way the team has been treated has been even worse," he said.

"The RFL has to look at itself and admit that it hasn't been very fair with regard to the players."

RADIO CHOICE

In the worst of spirits

Houdini. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Bob Sinfield's dramatised biography of the most famous escapologist of them all is silent on his mysterious methods. Otherwise, what a turn up for the books that would have been! The main interest lies in Houdini's friendship with Conan Doyle, whom Sinfield makes his narrator: not a very good idea, I think. Graham Crowden plays Sherlock Holmes's begetter, Michael Maloney the great escaper. The relationship between Houdini and Conan Doyle broke up when the former, obsessed with the idea of making contact with his dead mother, accused Doyle and his spiritualist wife of faking a seance. I will not spoil things by telling you why Houdini knew he was being bamboozled.

The Spirit of Place. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*

John McGahern's reading of his own short story again raises the issue: on radio, does ambient sound add anything to the spoken word? *Love of the World*, a tale of a rural idyll that ends in horror, would have lost nothing of its feel for the spirit of place — in this case, Ireland — if such sounds as bird song, footsteps and a car engine had been left to McGahern's skill in colour-painting with words alone. The story's drama is focused on a husband who loses his grip on himself. Its message is, more or less, that if you let tourism in by the back door, quality of life can leave by the front door. I would not expect the Irish Tourist Board to agree with this. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session, with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley **9.00** Cling Film with Mark Kermode and Mary Anne Hobbs **10.00** Mark Radcliffe, live from Manchester **12.00** Claire Sturgess, incl **1.15am** The Net **4.00** Clive Warren with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy, includes Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stuart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Women in His Life (2/8) **9.00** Houdini. See Choice **10.00** The Sexton's Tales. A series starring George Cole as the sexton of Highgate Cemetery (5/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Adrian Finighan, includes at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester, incl **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin **7.35** The Tuesday Match, with Mark Pougatch **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour **4.30am** Europe Today **5.30** Europe Today **6.30** Global Gardening **6.45** Development '96 **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Waveguide **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **8.45** Good Books **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Inspiration **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Meridian Feature **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Counterpoint **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack **3.05** Sports **3.15** History Today **3.30** News in German **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** News in German **5.45** Sport **6.30** Counterpoint **7.01** Outlook **7.30** Megamix **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Meridian Books **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sport **11.10** Voicebox **11.15** History Today **11.30** Megamix **12.30am** Folk Routes **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Composer of the Month **3.15** Sport **3.30** Meridian On Screen

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Gordon Jacob (Clarinet Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Scriabin (Piano Sonata No 3 in F sharp minor) **7.00** The Opera Guide, with Hugh Macpherson **8.00** Concert. Stanford (Clarinet Concerto in A minor, Op 80), Richard Strauss (Also sprach Zarathustra, Op.30), Rimsky-Korsakov (Scheherazade, Op 35) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Poulenc (Aubade); Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet)

9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Grieg (Peer Gynt Suite No 1); Mozart (Quintet in E flat, K452)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Tommy Smith (Conger Eel); Schnittke (O My Soul, Why Are You Not Afraid?)

12.00 Composers of the Week: Hildegard of Bingen and Arvo Part

1.00pm News; The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, under Edward Downes. Verdi (Overture and Ballet Music: Macbeth); Strauss (Don Juan); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)

2.35 Ensemble. Ronald Smith, piano. Includes Balakirev (Piano Sonata in B flat minor)

3.20 Out of the Air, with Robert Robinson and John Bellany

3.25 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Tadaaki Otaka. Dvorak (Symphony No 8 in G); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in F *minor*)

5.00 The Music Machine. According to DJ Rotbaut Mentz noise music started at the beginning of the century when futurist Luigi Russolo invented the noise machine

5.15 In Tune from Glasgow includes Mozart (Overture *Don Giovanni*) and Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C '48', Bk 2)

7.30 Pebble Mill. A recital by pianist Dmitri Alexeev live from Birmingham. Chopin (Barcarolle in F sharp, Op 60); Scriabin (Piano Sonata No 3 **8.15** Interval. Alexeev talks to Chris Wines **8.25** Concert, part 2. Scriabin (Three mazurkas); Chopin (Piano Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58)

9.30 Early Islamic Thinkers

9.45 Ulster Orchestra. Conductor Proinnsias O'Duinn, Michael Collins, clarinet. Satie, orch Milhaud (Jack-in-the-Box); Francaix (Pavane pour un genie); Milhaud (Clarinet Concerto), Rivier (Le déjeuner sur l'herbe); Ravel (Suite, Mother Goose)

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles discusses Wagner and anti-Semitism and how digital technology is changing dance

11.30 Composer of the Week: Reger (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes features Jacqui Dankworth and Harvey Brough's *Field of Blue*

1.30 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross

10.00 News; Gosling en España (FM)

10.00 Daily Service; 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 All in the Mind, with Anthony Clare

12.00pm News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25 Hoax! Tim Brooke-Taylor chairs the story-telling game with Simon Brett, Barry Cryer and Ken Bruce

12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Head, by Lucy Gough. With Liza Sadovy, Tom Hollander, Sean Baker and Mark Bonnar

2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Dare Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan talks to Jeff Noon about *Animated Alice*

4.45 Short Story: Teddy's Tale, by Maurice Leitch. An imprisoned criminal contemplates what story he might tell a therapy group. Read by Ian McElhinney

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Chambers, by Clive Coleman (2/5) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4

8.00 Science Now (r)

8.30 The Spirit of Place. See Choice

9.00 In Touch, with Peter White

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Booker at Bedtime. An extract is read from the winning novel

11.00 Mediumwave. The week's events (r)

11.30 I Was That Teenager (FM). Lady Longford looks back at her formative years (1/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: First Church of the New Millennium, by Bryan Appleyard (2/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

ADVERTISMINT

New wave of sminting sends market prices through roof

By Trudi C. Ling

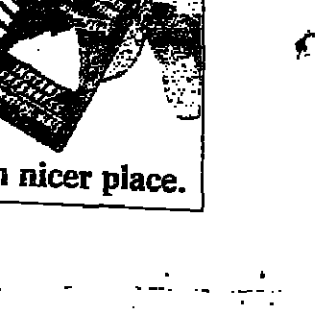
YESTERDAY saw some of the most extraordinary scenes ever on the stock market floor as sminting on an unprecedented scale sent prices piralling upwards and completely out of control.

At the outset, rumours of sminting began to filter in from Tokyo and Hong Kong. Before long, the markets were reacting with unstoppable force, as hysterical dealers were seen throwing little blue rectangular packs into the air and shouting "buy, buy, buy!"

All dealing was finally suspended when the FTSE burst through the 10,000 barrier. Grown men wept openly on each other's shoulders as they realised they had become instant millionaires several times over. Albert E. Hatt, the Governor of the World Bank tried to calm the situation but in reality it was a futile gesture in the eye of the hurricane. The markets are due to open again as normal this morning; but can things ever be normal again after 24 hours in which the entire global financial infrastructure was well and truly sminted?

It seems most unlikely.

Makes your mouth a much nicer place.



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Another success for the push-button shrink

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

It is no accident, I always think, that in police dramas other than **Cracker** (ITV), criminal psychologists are consistently depicted as jerks. They muddy investigations; they generalise from the particular; and are treated with no respect. So it seemed a good idea to send Robbie Coltrane to Hong Kong for last night's one-off special, because perhaps a sophisticated East-West story about a jumped-up maniac from Essex playing God with his Chinese girlfriend would expose the ridiculous kow-tow with which big white Fitz himself is always treated. Fans kiss the floor before *Cracker*; Bafta gives it grateful awards every season; and at each murder scene, Fitz lectures his submissive workmates, indicating their next path of inquiry and then insolently firing the starting-pistol to make them jump to it.

I'll tell you what I resist about *Cracker*. It's quite simple. Whereas other detective stories (from Sherlock Holmes onwards) are designed to reassure us that the power of reason can triumph over disorder (quite a big reassurance), *Cracker* insists that the power of reason can triumph over madness. Fitz gets the suspect in an interview room, and while the police sit mutely twiddling ballpoints he pushes the guilty man's buttons until — Bob's your uncle, no more insanity threatens the world. Instead of a terrifying person, we behold a contemptible blob; and all because one man dares to think the unthinkable!

Last night's murderer (in a story by Paul Abbott) was an Essex boy who'd witnessed the infidelity of his mother when a child, and had now flipped. On the failure of his business in Hong Kong, he'd killed some successful people and hidden his handcuffed girlfriend in a freight container, to prevent her obtaining an abortion. Did this really all hang together "like a wrestler's plums"? No it didn't. But no matter. "This is bloody biblical, Dennis," growled Coltrane. "If you hadn't murdered three people, I'd be weeping into a bucket."

Still, the abused girlfriend was a good idea, because it left us in no doubt that this Romford boy was barking, while giving us somebody helpless to worry about. Meanwhile, however, Fitz's relationship with DCI Cheung (Freda Foh Shen) mirrored the Essex boy's abuse in several key respects: professionally, he tied her hands and called all the shots, and she smiled at him gratefully.

Another massive Scot was abroad last night, of course — a man who similarly basks in dangerous levels of admiration. **Billy Connolly's World Tour of Australia** (BBC1) kicked off in Sydney, with the big bearded one driving a "Harley trike" across bright yellow landscape while warm winds tousled his iron-grey locks. In the next few weeks he intends to show us Australia, you see; and it could be well worth the ride. It just depends whether eight weeks is bearable in the company of someone who loves himself so very, very much, and who makes grand, approving remarks such as: "Human beings impress the hell out of me."

Things bode pretty well, however. Despite his mighty, hairy shadow cast across it, Sydney was allowed to look good last night, and the sequence in which Connolly scaled the magnificent Harbour Bridge made excellent telly. "Look at me Mammy, no hands!" he yelled from the highest point (filmed, presumably, from a helicopter). In *Sydney Harbour* itself, he showed us a former penal island famous for an abusive Glaswegian once tethered there, and was tickled pink at the idea of this poor bloke yelling expletives in a Scottish accent.

Charlie Anderson ("my new role model") was so aggressive that his keepers fed him like a wild animal, with food on the end of poles. But it was his unashamed attention-seeking that clearly appealed to Connolly — what Fitz would call his "disorganised communication". Connolly on stage is sometimes blissfully funny, but when he isn't, he just shouts and swears (and laughs at his own jokes) until he finally provokes a reaction. This strategy didn't work too well for Anderson, who remained chained up. But for Connolly it has worked brilliantly for about 20 years.

Good old BBC2 launched its 12-part **Soho Stories** last night, and producer Chris Terrill did his usual excellent job — the filming and editing were stylish and witty; and the attention-seeking participants were allowed to show off without too badly showing themselves up. The inhabitants of Soho would seem to be a tired old subject (would there be a drag queen? you bet!), but even the inevitable transvestite and the inevitable drunken bores made creditable appearances. Soho is a tiny area, but to the people who live in it, it's the whole world. "An important moment in Soho life!" slurred a *French House* carouser, as his friends dithered on a street corner. "Noel has forgotten where *Wheelers* is!"

The nub of the programme was a bomb alert which sealed off Soho from the outside world for several hours, and of course made very little difference to it. The best sequence showed us Danny (the drag queen) done up like an enormous Diana Ross and clacking on high heels on his regular route to work. It was like watching a seasoned war reporter cross Beirut — starting off in Old Compton Street ("a safety zone" for gays) and then zigzagging towards the dangerous territory of Shaftesbury Avenue. Oh yes, Shaftesbury Avenue may sound innocent to you or me, but to Danny it might just as well be patrolled by border guards with vicious dogs. "My clack gets clackier on this bit," he said, nervously. Yet never does it occur to him, apparently, to wear sensible, soft-soled shoes.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (15368)
7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax) (46639)
9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceefax) (5946252)
9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (2911287)
9.45 KILROY (s) (2678368)
10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (s) (15184)
11.00 NEWS and weather (6325287)
11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (s) (7425165)
11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (s) (1231875)
12.00 NEWS and weather (7891078)
12.05pm THE FLYING DOCTORS (Ceefax) (s) (8278078)
12.50 FANCY THAT! (65353707)
1.00 NEWS and weather (49726)
1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (57797691)
1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (44754813)
2.00 CALL MY BLUFF With *Times* columnist Alan Coren (Ceefax) (6829) 2.30 THE TERRACE (s) (349) 3.00 INCOGNITO (s) (2436)
3.30 BRUM (r) (s) (9091542) 3.40 ROMUALD THE REINDEER (s) (6411271) 3.50 THE ALL NEW POPEYE SHOW (r) (Ceefax) (5953243) 4.10 OSCAR'S ORCHESTRA (Ceefax) (s) (6468691) 4.35 THE QUEEN'S NOSE (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1276344) 5.00 NEWSROUND (2811287) 5.10 BYKER GROVE (Ceefax) (s) (6837691)
5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (769894)
6.00 NEWS and weather (338)
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (558)
7.00 HOLIDAY Travel show with Jill Dando, who spends a long weekend in New York. Monty Don and son go on a cycling holiday in the Cotswolds. Jenny Hull goes to Albufeira on the Algarve; and Carol Smillie visits a monastery on Majorca (Ceefax) (s) (4417)
7.30 EASTENDERS (Ceefax) (s) (542)
8.00 SPORTSNIGHT: Newcastle in Europe. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the second round, second leg Uefa Cup match, between Newcastle United and Ferencvaros of Hungary at St James's Park. Newcastle trail 3-2 from the first leg but will be favourites to go through. Commentary comes from John Motson and Trevor Brooking and expert analysis from Alan Hansen and Chris Waddle (s) (98843287)
9.55 NEWS and weather (Ceefax) (111981)
10.25 INSIDE STORY SPECIAL: Maxwell — The Downfall Tom Bower uncovers the truth behind the final few years of the business empire of Robert Maxwell (Ceefax) (s) (1315165). WALES: WEEK IN WEEK OUT 10.55 INSIDE STORY SPECIAL 12.05am-1.45 FILM: THE MEAN SEASON
11.35 FILM: The Mean Season (1985) Thriller on the themes of news creation and manipulation. A Miami reporter builds up a relationship with a serial killer, who calls him after each murder. As the killings continue, so the danger to the reporter becomes greater. With Kurt Russell and Mariel Hemingway. Directed by Phillip Borsos (Ceefax) (340894)
1.15am WEATHER (2327856)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: THE CENSUS (7872436) 6.25 OPINION POLLS: THE SPIRAL OF SILENCE (7884271) 6.50 MIND READERS (9459368)
7.15 BREAKFAST NEWS (6619436)
7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (4086417) 7.55 BLUE PETER (8145894) 8.20 FIREMAN SAM (1870900) 8.35 THE RECORD (8502368) 9.00 STANDARD GRADE ENGLISH (5944894) 9.20 THE GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME (2919829) 9.45 WATCH (r) (1280981) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (s) (90962) 10.30 COME OUTSIDE (s) (1328252) 10.45 SCIENCE ZONE (s) (3852829) 11.05 SPACE ARK (s) (6233252) 11.15 CLEMENTINE (s) (9944417) 11.30 THE ENGLISH COLLECTION (4146) 12.00 SEE HEAR! (17338) 12.30pm WORKING LUNCH (32349) 1.00 TEACHING TODAY (s) (47368) 1.30 SHOWCASE (s) (57795233) 1.40 HOTCH POTCH HOUSE (44752455) 2.00 FIREMAN SAM (18922349) 2.10 THE FUGITIVE (4552829)
3.00 NEWS (Ceefax), REGIONAL NEWS AND WEATHER (5828962)
3.05 WESTMINSTER WITH NICK ROSS (Ceefax) (s) (4172726) 3.55 NEWS and weather (Ceefax) (s) (8788610)
4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (s) (271) 4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK (s) (455) 5.00 OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (Ceefax) (s) (9604436) 5.40 PRUE LEITH'S TRICKS OF THE TRADE (574813) 5.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (b/w) (478691)
6.00 FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR (r) (s) (761813) 6.25 HEARTBREAK HIGH (s) (Ceefax) (636504) 7.10 THE O ZONE (r) (s) (321639)
7.30 POUND FOR POUND Advice on financial matters (s) (184)
8.00 LUCINDA LAMBTON'S ALPHABET OF BRITAIN (r) (Ceefax) (s) (616639)

Dunant and Macleod (8.10pm)

8.10 THE BOOKER PRIZE Sarah Dunant and Tracey Macleod present live coverage of this year's Booker Prize for Fiction from the London Guildhall (s) (s) (999815)
9.00 A WOMAN AT WAR Concluding the two part story of Helen Moskiewicz, a Jewish woman who infiltrated the Gestapo during the Second World War (Ceefax) (s) (7610). WALES: SYKES 9.30 THE WORKS 10.00 THE WAY IT IS
10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (833523)
11.15 SOHO STORIES (s)(425788)
12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (s) (90924)
12.30am THE LEARNING ZONE: OU: A Future with Aids (76856) 1.00 Healthy Futures (17276) 1.30 Statistics in Society (57382) 2.00 Nightschool TV: English (41905) 4.00 Teaching and Learning With IT (42547) 4.30 Film Education (38769) 5.00 Inside Europe (37112) 5.30 Film Education (91653)

CHOICE

Ride On
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The transport magazine returns with more challenges to orthodoxy, some bordering on the daft but all of them entertaining. You cannot see Ford or General Motors going a bundle on solar-powered cars, even if they do offer an answer to air pollution. But this has not stopped enterprising individuals, including an 85-year-old inventor, from building their own. On the theme of DIY, we also meet a flying enthusiast who has constructed his own aeroplane, using a Volkswagen car engine and a set of go-kart wheels. Rallying is not so much daft as frightening, at least for the novice. Alain de Cadenet volunteers to be white-faced and trembling as top driver Louise Aitken-Walker coaches him in the art of throwing the vehicle into a skid without losing control.

Soldier, Soldier: Asking For It
ITV, 9.00pm

Unusually, instead of running several plot strands simultaneously, the story of military folk concentrates on a single incident. But since it is a case of sexual assault, it has no difficulty filling the episode. Colour Sergeant Robert Hicks (Con O'Neill) is marked out as a nasty from the moment we set eyes on him. He is loud, blustering, a male chauvinist of the first order and used to getting his own way. Kate O'Malley's Stacey is his victim, fumbled in the kitchen after a boozy dinner has made Hicks even more detestable than usual. But it is her word against his, and as Hicks says, who is going to believe a private rather than an NCO. Len Collin's scenario may present familiar arguments, but it is powerfully effective and only the Hicks's of this world will fail to be angered.

Witness: Death in the Family
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Gillian Slovo had two remarkable parents, white South Africans who broke the rules by becoming communists and fighting the apartheid regime. Her mother, the journalist Ruth First, was killed by a letter bomb, probably sent by agents of the Government. Her father, Joe Slovo, ran a sabotage campaign for the African National Congress and was briefly a minister under Nelson Mandela until his death from cancer. In a poignant documentary, Gillian Slovo returns to South Africa and tries to achieve a greater understanding of her parents, who had never discussed their political activities with her. In particular she sets out to recapture the essence of her mother, helped by a BBC film made by First in 1965, and to discover how and why she was killed. The trail leads to a mattress shop in Pretoria run by the man said to have made the bomb.

Inside Story Special: Maxwell — The Downfall
BBC1, 10.25pm

The life and death of Robert Maxwell have been so extensively raked over that there can be few surprises left. But if Tom Bower's film repeats a familiar story, it is pulsatingly told and offers useful embellishments. One source of these is privately-shot footage of Maxwell, at work and at play, the booming self-confidence utterly at odds with the inner turmoil of a man who knew the game was up. Bower also has a lot of fun extracting shamefaced confessions from former Maxwell executives about how they were cowed and fooled. Some of the small personal details are revealing. His hair stylist reveals Maxwell's phobia about grey hair. Even eyebrows had to be heavily dyed. The stylist reckons that at the end he was Maxwell's only friend. As Maxwell once said: "Nobody loves me — it's my money they love."

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (7945813)
9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (2823078)
9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (6603962)
10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (94788)
10.30 THIS MORNING (27920726)
12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7880962)
12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (3522504)
12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (3530523) 1.25 HIGH ROAD Teletext) (6575900) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (27131981) 2.25 CROSS WITS (Teletext) (s) (27127788) 2.50 VANESSA (Teletext) (s) (9236252)
3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (5835252)
3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (5834523)
3.30 POTAMUS PARK (9086610) 3.40 WIZADORA (6413639) 3.50 ZOT THE DOG (9097726) 4.05 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS (4058788) 4.15 HEY ARNOLD! (6565558) 4.40 THE WARD 100th edition (8617146)
5.10 WHAT'S MY LINE? (8648368)
5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (285417)
6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (765639)
6.30 HTV NEWS (916252)
7.00 EMMERDALE (Teletext) (2813)
7.30 THE WOODWARD FILE Edward Woodward is joined by Oz Clarke to visit a Somerset vineyard and tour a small country brewery. Woodward also challenges chef Rick Stein to cook not a fish dish, but West Country buffalo (r) (610)
8.00 THE BILL Daly and Lines encounter a schoolboy mugger (Teletext) (8233)
8.30 THE COOK REPORT Roger Cook goes on the trail of criminals on the run (Teletext) (7368)

Victim Kate O'Malley (9.00pm)

9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER Stacey faces a tough decision following a sexual assault which threatens to divide opinions and loyalties in the camp. With Kate O'Malley (Teletext) (3639)
10.00 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (92233)
10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (185065)
10.40 CANVAS (848504)
11.10 HUNTER (635078)
12.10 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (8385455)
12.35 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (1526837)
1.25 FILM: DEATH BEFORE DISHONOUR (1987) starring Fred Dryer, Brian Keith and Joanna Pacula. Adventure thriller about a maverick marine who singlehandedly storms a US embassey in the Middle East to free two hostages. Directed by Terry J. Leonard (202671)
3.05 LATE & LOUD (s) (7710769)
4.00 THE CHART SHOW (r) (s) (61943)
5.00 ON THE EDGE (37158)
5.30 NEWS (85479)

As HTV WEST except:
5.10pm-5.40 THE ELECTRIC CHAIR (8648368)
6.25-7.00 WALES TONIGHT (916252)
7.30-8.00 INQUISITION (610)
10.40 ALICE (848504)
11.10 GOD, SEX, DRUGS AND ROCK 'N' ROLL (635078)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 EMMERDALE (8592368)
1.55 CROSSWITS (14180875)
2.25-2.50 HOME AND AWAY (27127788)
5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8648368)
6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (37894)
7.30-8.00 GREAT LITTLE TRAINS (610)
10.40 FILM: UNIVERSAL SOLDIER (25963165)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 HOME AND AWAY (3530523)
1.25 CROSS WITS (26084833)
1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44735788)
2.20 VANESSA (27142097)
2.50 FROM THE GROUND UP (9236252)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8648368)
6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (916252)
7.30-8.00 RELATIVE VALUES (610)
10.40 FILM: UNIVERSAL SOLDIER (25963165)
12.35am HIGHLANDER (7992672)
1.35 LATE & LOUD (8542653)
2.35 STAND UP (4203568)
3.00 FILM: NAKED FURY (7711498)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm CROSS WITS (3530523)
1.25 HOME AND AWAY (26084833)
1.55 SHORTLAND STREET (44735788)
2.20 VANESSA (27142097)
2.50-3.20 HOPE AND GLORIA (9236252)
5.10 HOME AND AWAY (8648368)
6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (146)
6.30-7.00 WHAT'S MY LINE? (726)
7.30-8.00 SERVE YOU RIGHT LIVE (610)
10.40 FILM: UNIVERSAL SOLDIER (25963165)
5.00am FREESCREEN (37158)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY (9456271) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (39349) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (17310) 9.30 YSGOLION (693455) 12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (99146) 12.30pm BACKDATE (27417) 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (32436) 1.30 FILM: THE GUNFIGHTER (88015078) 3.05 SYRUP (1181287) 3.15 RICKI LAKE (9188639) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (639) 4.30 DESIRE (523) 5.00 5 PUMP (8261) 5.30 COUNTDOWN: THE SEARCH FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION (875) 6.00 NEWYDDION (657271) 6.05 HENO (743417) 6.35 JACPOT (925184) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (407879) 7.25 BRODYR BACH (294962) 8.00 STORI FAWR (6875) 8.30 NEWYDDION (8610) 9.00 CODI CLAWR HANES (8349) 9.30 CITIZEN'S ARREST (30981) 10.00 BROOKSIDE (508165) 10.35 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY (847875) 11.05 ELLEN (407707) 11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE (167252) 12.30am-2.00 THE GREAT, THE GOOD AND THE DISPOSSESSED (49059) 4.00 YSGOLION (69585)

6.30am ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY (r) (46898) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (39349) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (17310)
9.30 SCHOOLS: EUREKA! 9.45 STOP LOOK LISTEN 10.00 FOURWAYS FARM 10.10 TVM 10.25 HOW WE USED TO LIVE 10.45 CARAIDEAN 11.00 THE NEW LIVING BODY 11.20 STAGE ONE 11.37 LOST ANIMALS 11.42 POVERTY ANSWERING BACK 11.45 FIRST EDITION (693455)
12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (99146) 12.30pm BACKDATE (r) (27417) 1.00 SESAME STREET (8372271) 1.55 THE LIVING SEA (14188417)
2.25 FILM: The Vicious Circle (1957, b/w) starring John Mills; Derek Farr and Noelle Middleton. A Harley Street doctor is suspected of murder after the body of an actress is found in his flat. Directed by Gerald Thomas (Teletext) (224610)
4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (639) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (523) 5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (s) (2133271) 5.45 ANTON MOSIMANN (Teletext) (559504)
6.00 THE AVENGERS (r) (Teletext) (35436)
7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (423897)
7.55 THE SLOT (464558)
8.00 RIDE ON A new seven-part series looking at alternative forms of transport (Teletext) (s) (6875)
8.30 BROOKSIDE Ron deceives Bev and Mick criticises Terry (Teletext) (s) (8610)

Gillian Slovo (9.00pm)

9.00 WITNESS: Death in the Family. Gillian Slovo meets President Mandela in the hope of finding out more about her parents, journalist Ruth First who was assassinated by a bomb in 1982 and ANC military strategist Joe Slovo, who died in 1994 (Ceefax) (s) (4981)
10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY Award-winning comedy (Teletext) (s) (508165)
10.35 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (r) (Teletext) (s) (847875)
11.05 GET UP, STAND UP (Teletext) (s) (407707)
11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE (Teletext) (s) (988287)
12.35am THE SHOOTING GALLERY: Eleven short-films with a sporting theme 12.36 Dog Days (5345301) 12.45 The North Stand (9617504) 1.00 Lovelock (1973108) 1.20 He Shoots, He Scores (8440905) 1.35 4 Minutes 12 (2066856) 1.40 Stroke (2058837) 1.45 Fishing the Sloe-Black River (2546818) 2.05 Grand National (8084030) 2.15 Five Easy Pizzas (8622818) 2.20 Bradman (8063547) 2.35 Happy Birthday Tom (3995301)
2.45 GERSHWIN (r) (5147837)
4.00 SCHOOLS: STAGE TWO SCIENCE (69585) Ends at 5.00

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3021897) 7.20 Press Your Luck (3126441) 7.40 Jeopardy! (9082964) 8.10 Hotel (9212962) 9.00 Another World (1437610) 9.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show (3084829) 10.40 Real TV (2822610) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (1026833) 12.00 Geraldo (62558) 1.00pm One to Three (39829) 3.00 Jenny Jones (72417) 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (84252) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (9504) 6.00 New Adventures of Superman (88542) 7.00 The Simpsons (3853) 7.30 MASH (9287) 8.00 Springhill (9981) 8.30 Murder Unsolved (5788) 9.00 Law and Order (25097) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (28164) 11.00 New Adventures of Superman (62691) 12.00 Midnight Caller (42498) 1.00am LAPD (87160) 1.30 Real TV (34566) 2.00 Hit Mix (74699)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (4615271) 8.00 Sliders (4894691) 9.00 Renegade (4614455) 10.00 New York Undercover (4617542) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (1727320) 12.00 FILM: The French Connection. 18 (2444834) 2.00am Hit Mix (3751450)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour 24 hours a day seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Only Game In Town (1969) (40726) 8.00 Danny (1979) (37417) 10.00 Free Willy (1993) (81639) 12.00 MacShayne: Winner Takes All (1994) (50368) 2.00pm Rhinestone (1984) (19436) 4.00 The Skateboard Kid (1993) (14436) 6.00 Free Willy (1993) (22900) 8.00 Dumb and Dumber (1994) (85207) 10.00 On Deadly Ground (1994) (332455) 11.45 Police Rescue (1994) 1.20am Trapped and Deceived (1994) (5478740) 2.50 Double Cross (1994) (5041699) 4.20 Dumb and Dumber (1994) (78614943)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Gypsy Colt (1954) (20287) 7.30 Willy Fogg: Around the World in 80 Days (1243879) 8.50 Zoo Robbery (1973) (6828639) 10.00 It Should Happen to You (1954) (72981) 12.00 Sons and Lovers (1960) (41610) 2.00pm Four Jills in a Jeep (1944) (17078) 4.00 Zoo Robbery (1973) (8445813) 5.05 The Prince and the Pauper (1972) (5962523) 6.00 Chasing the Deer (1994) (65829) 7.30 Special Feature: The Fan (9097) 8.00 The Haunting of Lisa (1995) (36977) 10.00 Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1994) (60276788) 12.05am The Night is Young (1986) (397301) 2.05 Mrs Parker and the Vicious Circle (1994) (38678740) 4.10 Chasing the Deer (1994) (78615672)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Christmas in July (1940) (6810894) 5.30 Pay Day (1922) (7209271) 6.00 Murder Most Foul (1964) (1183691) 8.00 The Bride (1985) (1105436) 10.00 Gator (1976) (7528165) 12.00 Young Frankenstein (1974) (8073289) 1.50am Evil of Frankenstein (1964) (34830905) 3.20-4.55 Frankenstein Created Woman (1966) (5194951)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.
6.00am Bonkers (2900815) 6.25 Mouse Tracks (3455900) 6.50 Darkwing Duck (5857542) 7.15 Quack Attack (7776392) 7.40 Aladdin (4657981) 8.05 Goof Troop (6769726) 8.30 Bonkers (70184) 9.00 Mouse Tracks (81436) 9.30 Lamb Chop's Play Along! (36405) 10.00 Muppet Babies (51146) 10.30 Adventures in Wonderland (50320) 11.00 Quack Attack (77900) 11.30 Under the Umbrella Tree (58829) 12.00 Fraggle Rock (74900) 12.30pm Lamb Chop's Play Along! (36441) 1.00 Goof Troop (91252) 1.30 Aladdin (86882) 2.00 Darkwing Duck (4207) 2.30 Best of Walt Disney (1065368) 3.25 Mouse Tracks (6254788) 3.50 Darkwing Duck (2541639) 4.15 Bonkers (2551368) 4.35 Goof Troop (3657768) 5.00 Aladdin (4097) 5.30 Okavango (3610) 6.00 Crossbow (8833) 6.30 Blossom (1875) 7.00 Home Improvement (4233) 7.30 FILM: Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (53436) 9.00 Eyewitness (64436) 9.30-10.00 Home Improvement

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (23977) 7.30 American Cavalcade (70052) 8.30 Racing (16962) 9.00 Sports Centre (30542) 9.30 Aerobics (44233) 10.00 Soccer (64097) 12.00 Aerobics (27078) 12.30pm Soccer (43510) 2.30 Tartan Extra (1610) 3.00 Golf (18233) 4.00 Cycling (2962) 4.30 Motor Sport (8146) 5.00 Wrestling (5320) 6.00 Sports Centre (9639) 6.30 Asia Report (43436) 7.30 Rugby League (404523) 10.00 Sports Centre (28707) 10.30 Footballers' Football Show (73891) 11.30 Asia Report (18165) 12.30am Sports Centre (34818) 1.00 Rugby League (958092) 3.30-4.00 Sports Centre (77382)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (71658788) 1.00pm American Football (71667436) 2.00 Baseball (76242455) 4.00 Soccer (92596417) 6.00 Sports Unlimited (71670900) 7.00 Sports Centre (92500610) 7.30 NFL (19065184) 9.30 Baseball (35577397) 10.30 Sports Unlimited (58611097) 11.30-12.00 Sports Centre (77522417)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Skiing (65320) 8.30 Ice Skating (94900) 10.00 Cycling (22766) 11.00 Soccer (12610) 12.00 Triathlon (52252) 1.00pm Live Tennis (5126271) 9.00 Soccer (62542) 11.00-12.30 Snooker (81610)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (4548610) 6.30 Sounds Like a Story (16540349) 6.45 Time for a Story (80789097) 7.00 Alphabet Zoo (2015691) 7.15 Sounds Like a Story (6279900) 7.30 The Ghosts of Motley Hall (2737894) 8.00 Classic Coronation Street (9510368) 8.30 Runway (9519639) 9.00 Families (9593691) 9.30 Crown Court Special (1713368) 10.00 World in Action (2539962) 10.30 Poor Little Rich Girls (8599875) 11.00 Medics (2746542) 12.00 A Fine Romance (9513455) 12.30pm Classic Coronation Street (1717184) 1.00 Crown Court (2820558) 1.30 Families (1716455) 2.00 A Piece of Cake (2530691) 3.00 Poor Little Rich Girls (7537417) 3.30 Family Affairs (9969243) 4.00 Persuasion (53161504) 5.15 Families (5498566) 6.00 The Grumbleweeds (3569207) 6.30 Classic Coronation Street (5569487) 7.00 Crown Court (7552726) 7.30 A Fine Romance (3664851) 8.00 Medics (2836523) 9.00 The Good Life Guide (3988694) 9.25 Classic Coronation Street (3477349) 10.00-11.00 Persuasion (2826146)
From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant

Cagney and De Havilland in *The Strawberry Blonde* (TNT 11.00pm)

From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Diet and Fitness
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Samson and Delilah (8099504) 5.00 Subway (2358542) 6.00 The World at War (3152097) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Winston Churchill (8645271)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from 8pm-4am Monday to Wednesday and 1am-4am Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from 8am-4am every day on cable.
8.00pm Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (2335891) 8.30 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (2354726) 9.00 Battlestar Galactica (8541455) 10.00 The New Edge (7958542) 10.30 C/Net Central (7934962) 11.00 Friday the 13th (9082320) 12.00 The Incredible Hulk (3614011) 1.00am Tales of the Unexpected (6276672) 1.30 New Alfred Hitchcock (9680479) 2.00 World Con 96 (3277450) 2.30 Rod Serling's Night Gallery (3298585) 3.00 Friday the 13th (6135837) 3.55-4.00 Quarks (16302924)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7884233) 9.30 Stars and Gardens (6204469) 10.00 Two's Country (4060252) 10.30 The House (7880417) 11.00 Homemaker (5537287) 11.30 Craftwise (5432788) 12.00 Julia Child (7804097) 12.30pm Graham Kerr (2604405) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (7535287) 1.30 Home Again (3054946) 2.00 Hometime (8465165) 2.30 Garden Club (5171165) 3.00 Screaming Reels (8477900) 3.30-4.00 This Old House (5176610)
DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm.
4.00pm Fishing Adventures (5162417) 4.30 Bush Tucker Man (5264829) 5.00 Time Travellers (8456417) 5.30 Jurassica (5175981) 6.00 Untamed Africa (1054765) 7.00 Next Step (8469981) 7.30 World of Strange Powers (5285558) 8.00 Azimuth (2624523) 9.00 Battlefields 2 (2717287) 10.00 Aircraft Carrier (2614146) 11.00 Ashes to Ashes (5456368) 11.30-12.00 World of Strange Powers (7449436)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (7432146) 7.30 Give Us A Clue (7444981) 8.00 Neighbours (5415900) 8.25 EastEnders (5992523) 9.00 The Bill (7886691) 9.30 Angels (3265436) 10.30 The Sullivans (7882875) 11.00 Rumpole of the Bailey (7533829) 12.00 Sale of the Century (7808455) 12.30pm Neighbours (2685733) 1.00 EastEnders (1965726) 1.35 Shelley (1327691) 2.20 For the Love of Ada (63710271) 2.50 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (8814788) 3.30 The Bill (5185368) 4.00 Casualty (72008320) 5.05 Larry Grayson's Generation Game (85987097) 6.10 After the Show Short (8672165) 6.25 EastEnders (4860788) 7.00 The Best of TOTP (6763287) 7.50 Pop Profile (7979610) 8.00 Funny You Ask (8550287) 8.30 Executive Stress (8468894) 9.00 The Sweeney (2613417) 10.00 The Bill (5229894) 10.35 Naked Video (8945146) 11.10 The Equalizer (2180707) 12.05am Fourth Arm (5275189) 1.00 Edge of Darkness (1326382) 1.55 Shopping (21539566)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (1756977) 6.20 Meltdown (6405225) 6.45 Degrassi Junior High (576900) 7.15 Ready or Not (573813) 7.45 California Dreams (572184) 8.15 Sweet Valley High (165261) 8.45 Art Attack (8102504) 9.00 Tiny and Crew (9328894) 9.20 Mr Benn (9411558) 9.40 Teddy Trucks (4332639) 9.50 Towser (4321523) 10.00 10plus2 (7292146) 10.20 The Clangers (8023707) 10.40 Bertha (3420900) 11.00 Dinobabies (57146) 11.30 Jim Henson's Animal Show (59875) 12.00 Barney (54146) 12.30pm Oscar's Orchestra (82417) 1.00 Casper and Friends (73946) 1.30 Tiny and Crew (45969523) 1.55 Mr Benn (77728542) 2.20 Towser (8031055) 2.30 Christopher Crocodile (3047146) 2.40 Bertha (9520436) 3.00 Degrassi Junior High (5726) 3.30 Ready or Not (7813) 4.00 California Dreams (6320) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (2504)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Grimmy (19720) 6.30 Biker Mice (98542) 7.00 Mighty Max (23959) 7.30 Rude Dog (16436) 8.00 Turtles (15233) 8.30 Hey Arnold (14504) 9.00 Rugrats (28368) 10.00 Aaahh! Real Monsters (89894) 10.30 Doug (34368) 11.00 Rocko (17558) 11.30 Wishbone (18287) 12.00 Clarissa (18320) 12.30pm Sister Sister (48691) 1.00 Alex Mack (29900) 1.30 Ren and Stimpy (45962) 2.00 Insektors (2225) 2.30 Pete and Pete (9252) 3.00 Doug (2610) 3.30 Bailey Kipper (1097) 4.00 Clarissa (796639) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1233)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (4691) 7.30 Benson (7417) 8.00 Due South (45829) 9.00 Almost Perfect (24894) 9.30 Taxi (66455) 10.00 Entertainment Tonight (26349) 10.30 Dr Katz (35097) 11.00 NightStand (13349) 12.00 Sledge Hammer! (72568) 12.30am Kids in the Hall (25160) 1.00 Due South (44566) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (72837) 2.30 Dr Katz (84572) 3.00-4.00 NightStand (95450)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (3854748) 1.00pm Remington Steele (7559356) 2.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (4065707) 3.00 Land of the Giants (5536658) 4.00 FILM: Take This Job and Shove It (8475542) 6.00 Joe 90 (5169320) 6.30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (5183900) 7.00 The Water Margin (2715829) 8.00 Remington Steele (2628349) 9.00 Starsky and Hutch (2631813) 10.00-12.00 FILM: The House by the Cemetery (5535829)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (6821900) 7.00 Looking Good, with Amanda (4950707) 7.30 The Young and the Restless (8222707) 8.20 Gourmet Ireland (1696078) 8.55 Turnabout (2164542) 9.35 Budget Banquets (5201455) 10.00 Super Fresco Fabulosious (1020610) 10.05 Jerry Springer (6321368) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (8417349) 11.55 Brookside (72180875) 12.25pm Trivial Pursuit (65257441) 12.50 Gabrielle (9885078) 1.40 Rolonda (7919504) 2.30 Looking Good (7209097) 3.00 Charlie's Angels (7527436) 4.00 Who's Sorry Now? (7294348) 4.30 Talkabout (3257815) 5.05 Lingo (82932962) 5.30 Lucky Ladders (7207813) 6.00 Bewitched (7204726) 6.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (3813967) 7.05 Brookside (2024455) 7.35 Super Fresco Fabulosious (6921146) 7.40 Trivial Pursuit (8624287) 8.00 General Practice (1192962) 9.00 FILM: Broken Pledges (63708829) 10.50 Entertainment Now! (4362417) 10.55-12.00 The Sex Files II (24743691)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (4441) 5.30 Treasure Hunt (60726) 6.30 Catchphrase (4349) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (7707) 7.30 Sweet Justice (75233) 8.30 Rising Damp (5962) 9.00 Bergerac (99981) 10.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: From Doon, with Death (99928) 11.00 Only When I Laugh (72455) 11.30 Home to Roost (53504) 12.00 Moonlighting (15382) 1.00am Bergerac (80382) 2.00 Sweet Justice (34276) 3.00 Moonlighting (48566) 4.00 All Together Now (65405) 4.30-5.00 Black Stallion (88637)

MTV

The 24 hour music channel. Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts

VH-1

The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (97023726) 7.30 Lifestyle East (39974829) 8.30 Indian Business Report (28748897) 9.00 Tamil Serial: Neelakuyileh Kannamma (65794977) 9.30 Urdu Serial: Zameen (89775349) 10.30 Kurukshetra (18843441) 11.00 Khoobsurat (82407233) 11.30 Urdu Serial: Daldal (54254368) 12.30pm Taleash (34943320) 1.00 Hindi FILM: Hum Intezaar Karenge (27519368) 4.00 Yoodle Ae Oo (41044707) 4.30 Aahsa (41033691) 5.00 ZEE Zone (36231271) 5.30 Hum Zameen (41057271) 6.00 Dance Mania (41054184) 6.30 ZEE and You (41045436) 7.00 V3 (36228707) 7.30 Chalo Cinema (41034320) 8.00 News (36237455) 8.30 Darpar (36218962) 9.00 Jaal (62427097) 9.30 Sitaron K Karavan (34983184) 10.00 Tara (92992097) 11.00-12.00 Sa Re Ga Ma (97009146)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm The Wings of Eagles (1957) (76231349) 11.00 The Strawberry Blonde (1941) (89502639) 12.50am Night Must Fall (1964) (33276585) 2.40-5.00 The Wings of Eagles (1957) (44248214)

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Fela Midsummer Concert (1198146) 8.00 Are (7126542) 8.30 Romeo and Juliet (8603523) 11.00 Wagner Part Four (4047287) 12.00-1.00 Chick Corea (7541721)

CARLTON SELECT

5.00pm Blockbusters (92502078) 5.30 All Together Now (98116977) 6.00 Hey Dad (49815900) 6.30 Fiddlers Three (54110392) 7.00 Boon (76229504) 8.00 A Kind of Living (92591962) 8.30 Girls on Top (92510097) 9.00 Love Hurts (76225788) 10.00 Tanamera (76228875) 11.00 Fast Forward (27538320) 11.30-12.00 Fiddlers Three (77637349)

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Darley loses ride after Savill cuts his British string

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Cowboys settle old score with victory in Miami

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Colombian at the crossroads

Keegan makes leap of faith with Asprilla

BY DAVID MADDOCK

NEWCASTLE United in Europe. Nothing is certain, except the uncertainty. Borrowing from the children's television programme, *Stingray*, they should broadcast the rider: "Anything can happen in the next hour-and-a-half" before the North East club entertain Ferencvaros, of Hungary, in their Uefa Cup second-round, second-leg contest at St James' Park this evening.

One thing that is perhaps predictable is that the future of Faustino Asprilla, Newcastle's expensive import from Colombia, will be examined particularly closely.

Asprilla is an enigma. He will be offered an opportunity tonight to display his undoubted talents because of the injury to Alan Shearer, and if he is not to disappear into the ranks of exotic footballers who flattered to deceive in the English game — men such as Alberto Tarrantini, Didier Six and, latterly, Tomas Brolin — then he must take it.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, wears honesty like a badge to distinguish himself from other managers, and when he talked about Asprilla yesterday he admitted that the forward on whom he gambled £7.5 million is now at the crossroads of his St James' career.

Keegan believes that he must help Asprilla to float in the English game before he sinks without trace. "We are not at the crisis point yet with Tino. I'm not saying he won't make it here," he said, "but it is time to move closer to each other.

"He has a rare talent, one that is rarely seen, but the whole key to the exercise concerning Tino is that we have to understand him a little more, and he certainly has to understand more of what English football is about.

"If we both make the right moves, then there is no reason why he won't be a massive success. He's not quite clinched it yet. It is in the balance, and we have to make it work."

Keegan was upbeat about Asprilla's future, despite the ultimatum that appeared to be lurking in his message. He still has great faith in the player, and is expecting him to give the Hungarians plenty to think about once he lets him off the leash this evening. He seems certain to play.

Keegan believes that Asprilla's talent has not yet emerged fully, partly because the Colombian, who was signed from Parma, the Italian club, last February, has failed to come to terms with the English language and culture.

"I've got total faith in him, I'm prepared to hang my hat on him totally, but it's also fair to say that I'm looking for him to adapt to his environment more," he said. "I still believe in him, I still think he can help us win the [FA Carling Premiership] title and a European trophy.

"If I didn't think he could do it for us, then he would soon find out, because I would tell him and his agent, but the onus is now on him to learn English. He had an interpreter for six months, but I've taken that option away from him now. I just felt it was all coming through the interpreter.

"It's convenient to let the interpreter to do all the work. I learnt German in three months when I went to Hamburg, and Tino learnt Italian quickly — we want him to now do the same with English."

Keegan is expecting victory over the Hungarians this evening, though he has warned the Newcastle supporters not to expect a repeat of the fireworks that saw Ferencvaros emerge with a 3-2 lead from a quite bizarre encounter in the first leg.

John Beresford will miss the game with a hamstring complaint, but Les Ferdinand is expected to overcome a slight rib injury. Keegan said: "The crowd may have to be patient. Don't forget: a 1-0 victory with the goal coming in the last ten minutes will see us through.

"I hope we don't have to wait that long, but Saturday [when Newcastle lost 2-0 to Leicester City] has helped us to prepare for Europe. Leicester got all their men behind the ball and hit us on the break, and that's exactly what Ferencvaros will do."

Mark Lawrenson's influence as Newcastle's new defensive co-ordinator will need time to take hold; Keegan is not expecting a wholesale review.

"There wasn't a lot of closing down out there [in the first leg], but there will be this time, because we'll make sure it's much more of an English-type game, and see how that goes against them," he said.

"We'll give them the most severe test we can. It's no good us trying to play a continental game, and while we have to be patient we have to approach it like we do week-in, week-out at home.

"Their crowd played a part out in Hungary, and ours can now, but we know that if we play our game we can cause them trouble and then we must take our chances. The onus is on us to get at them."

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OWEN HUMPHREYS

Shearer cuts a lonely figure at the Newcastle training ground yesterday as he begins the recuperation process after his hernia operation last week

Injuries pose extra problems for United

BY PETER BALL

PROBLEMS are building up for Manchester United. After conceding 11 goals in two FA Carling Premiership games, they face going into the vital European Cup Champions' League match against Fenerbahçe tomorrow without Gary Pallister and Nicky Butt, both of whom were injured during the 6-3 defeat away to Southampton on Saturday.

"The injury problems are not looking great at all," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday. "At the moment, Pallister is not looking good and Butt hasn't got much of a chance either. Both are very doubtful."

Two weeks ago, United's 2-0 win over Fenerbahçe in Istanbul, thanks in large part to some disciplined defending, had seemed certain to open the way to the European Cup quarter-finals. It is still open, but their subsequent defeats by Newcastle United and Southampton have suddenly made their progress seem less assured, with a return to their old defensive certainty a first priority.

Although Ronnie Johnsen is expected to be fit to return after missing the 6-3 loss at The Dell with an Achilles' tendon injury, the absence of Pallister, the big central defender, would be a severe blow. He was taken off at half-time on Saturday with a knee injury that has troubled him for much of the season.

"It is something that won't go away," Ferguson said. "We need to give him a couple of weeks off to let it clear up completely. However, we have an important game coming up against Fenerbahçe and we need to get him fit for that."

After the match with Fenerbahçe and the game with Chelsea on Saturday, United have two clear weeks as the Premiership breaks for the England visit to Georgia in the World Cup. Ferguson's comments suggest that, if at all possible, Pallister will be patched up to play tomorrow, but will miss the game against Chelsea and is unlikely to be available for England when Glenn Hoddle, the coach, names his squad on Thursday.

As if that were not bad enough for United, it was confirmed yesterday that David Beckham, their blossoming midfield player, is being investigated by police after they received complaints that he made an obscene gesture during the defeat at Southampton. The Football Association said that it had received no complaint concerning Beckham, but would investigate if one were made.

Although Nick Barmby spent yesterday training with the Middlesbrough youth team after being left out of the side last week, Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, insisted that his departure from Teesside was not yet certain. Liverpool, Everton, Leeds United and Blackburn Rovers have all been linked with Barmby, the England international, with Middlesbrough understood to be looking for a fee of around £6 million for him.

"We haven't had an offer yet," Robson said yesterday. "There have been a few inquiries, but nothing firm. We will only sell for what we consider to be the right money."

Blackburn's interest is likely to be hampered by their lack of a manager after the resignation of Ray Harford on Friday. Yesterday, the club began searching for his replacement, with early indications that they may be spoilt for choice.

Terry Venables, at present the director of football at Portsmouth, who has not appeared in the past to be keen to move north, refused to rule himself out of contention yesterday. However, with only one more game before the international break, there were suggestions that the club might leave Tony Parkes in charge for the visit of Liverpool on Sunday and take its time over a full-time appointment.

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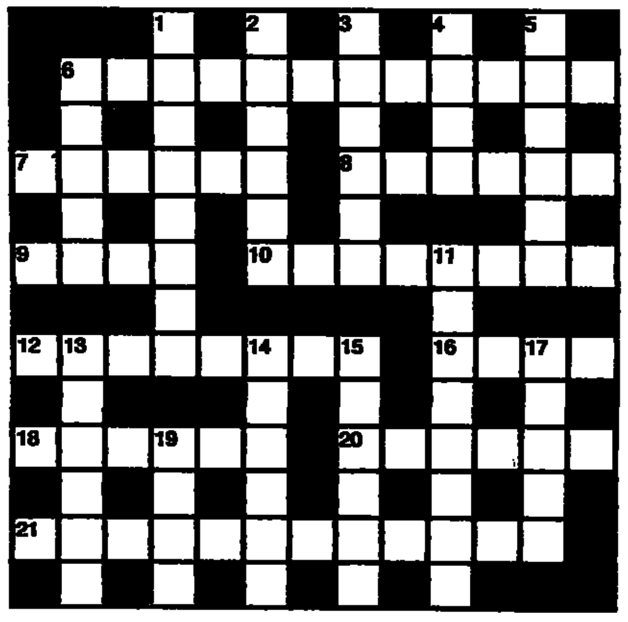

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Parisians warm to the smouldering of Pioline

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN PARIS

THE year is drawing to a close for the main men of the tennis circuit and, as the travelling circus pitches camp in Paris for the week, the nerves are beginning to jangle. This week, there is far more at stake than the $393,000 (about £254,000) winner's cheque and the kudos of another title. For Boris Becker, Andre Agassi and Richard Krajicek, there is one last chance to qualify for the ATP Tour world championships next month.

To make matters worse, the big three are being chased hard by Wayne Ferreira, Marcelo Rios, Todd Martin and Alberto Costa, although the casual observer would need a degree in advanced mathematics to work out exactly who has to do what to whom and where in order to book their ticket to Hanover.

No matter. Yesterday was the day when the lesser fry — if the rest of the top 40 can be described as such — had their moment in the spotlight. It was a typical opening day of any tournament anywhere in the world. The huge Palais Omnisport de Paris-Bercy had a sprinkling of spectators whose only concern was the fate of the French players and the availability of the sandwiches.

In fact, the most excitement was caused not by any player, but by the groundsman. The steeply-banked roof of the stadium is turfed with lush grass and needs regular cutting.

This is done by a chap with a Flymo on a piece of rope and, as he lowered and raised the mower over the grass with considerable speed and skill, he drew the most appreciative crowd of the day.

The most vociferous crowd was inside watching Cedric Pioline, the local hero, take on Sergi Bruguera, of Spain. Pioline certainly fits the part — he has the sort of looks that can smoulder from time to time and, on occasion, he has the game that can produce a classic match. Unfortunately, yesterday was not one of those moments.

Bruguera: in no mood to fight

Bruguera has spent much of the past two years suffering from a series of injuries and watching his ranking slip from the dizzy heights of No 3 in the world in 1994, the year of his second triumph at Roland Garros, to his present ranking of 78. Given a wild card into the Paris event and faced with a partisan crowd and a fast surface, he was in no mood to fight.

For much of the match, the men traded error for error with Bruguera happy to stand six feet behind the baseline and wait for Pioline to make one mistake too many. Right from the start, the only question was whether Pioline could throw it away, never whether Bruguera could win it. In the end, the crowd got what they wanted and Pioline went through to his second round appointment with Yevgeny Kafelnikov, 6-4, 6-3 in a little under 1½ hours.

As the big names were still making their way to Paris and recovering from their efforts in Stuttgart, the mere mortals were sorting out who would be on hand to play them. Petr Korda recovered from a fall in the second set to dispatch Mark Woodforde 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 and go through to meet Rios, while Alberto Berasategui, 23, from Bilbao, Spain, sped past Renzo Furlan 6-2, 6-2 to book his place against Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion, from Holland.

Two Spaniards who were shown the exit were Alex Corretja and Javier Sánchez. Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, the big-serving runner-up to Andre Agassi here in 1994, defeated Corretja 6-2, 6-4 to reach a second-round meeting with Pete Sampras, the No 1 seed and defending champion.

"Bruguera had beaten me twice on clay — in Monte Carlo a few years ago and at Hamburg this year," Rosset, the Swiss No 1, said after his victory. "But, on a faster surface like this, it is a very different story."

Sánchez also went out in straight sets when he lost 6-3, 7-6 to Daniel Vacek, of the Czech Republic.

Gallacher to leave Wentworth position

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

BERNARD GALLACHER, the captain of the successful Europe team in the Ryder Cup last year, has resigned from the Wentworth golf club after more than 20 years as head professional. He will leave the club, home of the Volvo PGA and the Toyota World Match Play Championship, at the end of the year.

The news was announced at the annual meeting on Sunday night when David Rennie, Gallacher's senior assistant, was confirmed as the new club professional. "There were about 200 people there and they were shell-shocked when the announcement about Bernard was made, but there was a great amount of warmth shown towards David," Willie Bauer, the chief executive of the Wentworth Group, which controls the Wentworth club, said.

"There is nothing sinister in this," Gallacher, 47, said, indicating that he has wanted for some time to do other things, which may include competing on the Seniors tour when he becomes eligible.

"When Bernard makes up his mind to do something, he does it," Bauer said. "We have not been able to persuade him to change his mind."

The Loch Lomond world invitational tournament is to be staged the week before the Open Championship at Royal Troon next July. It will replace the Scottish Open on the European Tour programme.

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To boldly go or to go boldly?

DAY 2 *NEW FOWLER'S*

When to break the split infinitive taboo, a look at word order, and how to use "while"

No other grammatical issue has so divided the nation since the split infinitive was declared to be a solecism in the course of the 19th century. First, it is essential to clarify what is and what is not a split infinitive. Then a description of the present state of the split infinitive is given with numerous illustrative examples, showing the various types of split and unsplit infinitives.

The base form of an infinitive is shown in *to love*, in which the verbal part is preceded by the particle *to*. When such a combination is served or "split" by the insertion of an adverb or adverbial phrase (e.g. *to madly love, to really and truly love*) or other word or words the construction is called a *split infinitive*. In Latin such a construction could not arise because an infinitive (*amare* "to love", *crescere* "to grow") is indivisible and is not preceded by a grammatical particle. In other words it is complete in itself. Keep in mind that the type *My mother taught me to be always prepared* is not an example of a split infinitive. It would became one only if *always* were placed between *to* and *be*: *My mother taught me* to always be *prepared*. Another type sometimes falsely taken to be a split infinitive is that containing *to* + insertion + verb in *-ing*. Examples: *I mean it's not as if I'm going* to be actually risking *my life* — Kingsley Amis, 1988; *It was apparent she was very embarrassed when it came* to openly deprecating *a newly married girl to her mother-in-law* — Muriel Spark, 1990.

There can be no doubt that there continues to be a noticeable reluctance to split infinitives both in the national press and in the work of many of our most respected writers. Thus in a 1987 issue of *The Daily Telegraph*: *There will be a further disposition* seriously to underestimate *the strength ... of the United States*. And in Peter Carey's *Oscar and Lucinda*, 1988: *He was never ashamed* publicly to bear *witness*. Such placing of the adverb is overwhelmingly the norm at present. When Bernard Levin, the well-known columnist in *The Times*, wrote on October 24, 1991, *he* [a former political prisoner] *was in Vilnius* to formally close down *the headquarters of the Lithuanian KGB*, the use called for special comment in the Diary of that newspaper two days later. In a leading article in the May 18, 1992 issue it was stated that: "The most diligent search can find no modern grammarian to pedantically, to dogmatically, to invariably condemn a split infinitive." These light-hearted comments draw attention to the irrational nervousness that many people feel when they imagine that, by splitting an infinitive, they are in danger of breaking a terrible taboo. What then are the present-day facts?

All the evidence points towards the reality of the feeling that it is "wrong" to split infinitives. Examples showing an adverb placed immediately before the particle *to* are commonplace: e.g. *The threat of abolition enabled the Livingstone administration* briefly to ride *the inevitable wave of popular indignation it caused* — *London Review of Books*, 1987.

On the other hand it is clear that rigid adherence to a policy of non-splitting can sometimes lead to unnaturalness or ambiguity. Gradations of these can be observed in the following: (unnatural) *In not combining* to forbid flatly *hostilities*; (ambiguous) *In not combining* flatly to forbid *hostilities*; (unambiguous) *In not combining* to flatly forbid *hostilities*. The examples that follow represent only a small selection of the substantial file of examples that I have collected since 1987. They turn up in all English-speaking areas: *That's when you have* to really watch *yourself* — *Quarto*, 1981 (UK): *The goal is* to further exclude *Arafat* — *US News & World Report*, 1986; *For your safety and comfort we do ask you* to please stay *in your seats* — British Airways flight attendant, 1986; *It was no great achievement* to simply split *the third party* — Robert Muldoon, 1986, (NZ). They occur in popular sources: *Something had* to drastically change *in my life* — *The Face*. And in the work of more serious writers: *We talked about ... how everything was going* to suddenly change — Nigel Williams, 1985.

The commonest type is that in which a simple adverb such as *even, ever, further, just*, or *quite* is inserted between *to* and the infinitive. Almost as common in this position are "simple" adverbs in *-ly* (*actually, finally, fully, nearly, really, simply, utterly*, etc). The negative adverbs *never* and *not* are often inserted in American English. For example: *A perfect morning* to not read *Moby Dick* — *The New Yorker*, 1986.

Occasionally, for stylistic reasons or other special effects, adverbial phrases are inserted, not just a single adverb: To suddenly, after all these years, fire them — Peter Carey, 1982. *a willingness* to not always, in every circumstance, think *the very best of us* — Philip Roth, 1987; *You two shared a curious dry ability* to without actually saying anything make *me feel dirty* — John Updike, 1988; Other types of split infinitives are rare in modern English, e.g. (with a pronoun inserted) *It was their nature* to all hurt *each other* — Peter Carey, 1981.

No absolute taboo should be placed on the use of simple adverbs between the particle to and the verbal part of the infinitive. Avoid splitting infinitives whenever possible, but do not suffer undue remorse if a split infinitive is unavoidable for the natural and unambiguous completion of a sentence already begun.

● *The new* Fowler's Modern English Usage, *third edition, edited by R.W.Burchfield, OUP, £16.99*

WORD ORDER

Unintended humour is often brought about by the careless ordering of words. Some examples follow (they come from American newspapers, but similarly inept examples could doubtless be found in newspapers anywhere): *One of the biggest supporters of Schoolfest was Carolyn Blount, who donated the* $21.5 million complex along with her husband, Winton: "*His humility and his courage are something we will always remember*," *said coach Bill McCartney, commenting publicly about Aunese's* death for the first time; *She strongly disapproves of our living together* for religious reasons; "*Somebody at the San Diego hospital* where she was born erroneously *had typed in 'male'*"; *She did not want her last name* used to protect her daughter's identity.

GILL ALLEN

Robert Burchfield, left, former Chief Editor of Oxford English dictionaries, continues the work of Henry Fowler

WHO WAS FOWLER?

Rising to fame in an era that saw the beginnings of mass literacy, Henry Watson Fowler devoted his life to saving the English of educated men.

Born in 1858, and educated at Rugby and Oxford, Fowler spent 17 years as a teacher before retiring to Guernsey where his brother, Frank George, was a tomato-grower.

In 1906, Henry and Frank, who had been a scholar at Cambridge, wrote *The King's English*, in which they set out rules for the proper use of English — based on what they considered to be historical literary principles and scholarly correctness. They also compiled an abridgement of the Oxford Dictionary, which appeared in 1911 as the first *Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English*.

When war broke out, both brothers lied about their age to serve as soldiers. Henry survived the war, but Frank died in 1918 from consumption.

While in Guernsey, Henry and Frank had led spartan lives, embarking on early-morning swims and long runs in all weather. After Frank's death, Henry returned to this way of life, employed once again by the Oxford University Press to work on *The Oxford Dictionary*. He then compiled *A Dictionary of Modern English Usage*, published in 1926 as a companion volume to *The King's English*. The book was so successful that Fowler immediately became a household name. Seven years later, he died of pneumonia.

Fowler's critics claimed that the rules he laid down in *Modern English Usage* refused to accommodate natural change in written English. In Fowler's view, no circumstances could excuse the necessity for precision in expression.

As the popular press and cheap fiction fed sloppiness to readers, he believed it was his duty to preserve style and accuracy in language — and maintain the classical conventions on which correct English was based.

Robert Burchfield is probably the only person who could have taken on the task of updating Fowler without losing the spirit of the original. Former Chief Editor of Oxford English dictionaries and now an Emeritus Fellow of St Peter's College, Oxford, he is well-known for expressing strong opinions on language, using the same wit, precision and style as Fowler before him.

BRIDGET HARRISON

WHILE ON THE SUBJECT ...

Eric Partridge in his *Usage and Abusage*, 1942, condemned the use of *while* to mean "although" as "a perverted use of the correct sense of *while*, which properly means 'at the same time as', 'during the same time that'." This remark was counterbalanced by a quotation from the work of A. P. Herbert which highlights the danger of confusion between the temporal and the concessive senses: *The Curate read the First Lesson while the Rector read the Second*. Such rare examples apart, the temporal, concessive, and contrastive uses of *while* (or, in British English, also of *whilst*) pose no threat to one another and are part of the apparatus of the language.

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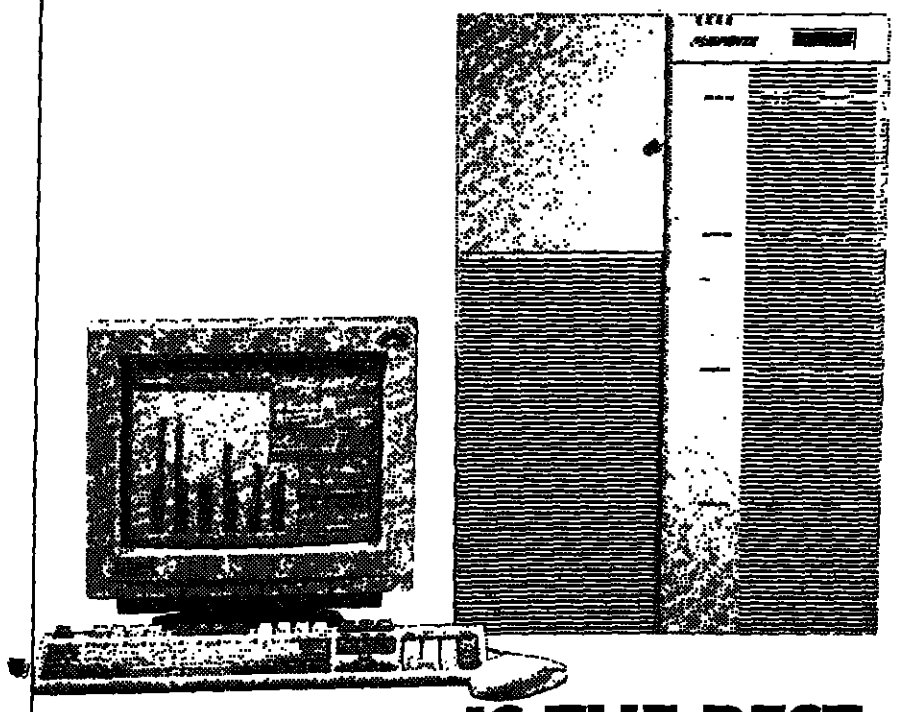

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Parliament needs a free vote on guns

Donald Dewar asks the Tories to let MPs obey their consciences

Party whips in the House of Commons do not look kindly on a free vote. As a rule, we dislike them. On both sides of the House, the business managers hate losing control. Worse, a free vote has the uncomfortable habit of producing the unexpected, as individual MPs vote according to conscience.

Westminster government is based on the order enforced by strong whipping. Free votes are limited to matters which are not central to the Government's programme, or which — like capital punishment — are well-defined issues of conscience. Rarely, however, a cause of such great importance arises, outside the normal run of business, that nothing less than a free vote will do. We are facing one now.

The pain, the sadness and the sense of outrage over the Dunblane tragedy puts the issue of gun control in a category of its own. In Parliament there must be a vote of commitment genuinely reflecting opinion in the House. The country expects nothing less.

This is not a technical argument over detail. Most people will have been disturbed to discover that there are at present as many as 200,000 handguns legally held. The Government's compromise scheme will still leave 40,000 of them in the community. Security at gun clubs would be a constant worry.

The British Shooting Sports Council argued to Lord Cullen that "no matter what system of checks and paperwork is maintained", it would be "a simple matter" to enter a competition, recover guns and ammunition and "perpetrate an outrage". The council made this point when arguing that a binding instruction that handguns be held in clubs and not in the home was impractical, but it is an equally strong objection to Michael Howard's and Michael Forsyth's current proposal. The Police Federation backs the uncomplicated ban designed to take all handguns out of circulation — with no ifs, no buts and no fatal hesitation.

Sadly, Tory ministers will not allow freedom of conscience on this issue. There is only one reason for that. They cannot stand the thought of defeat. Without a whip, their uneasy compromise between Lord Cullen's report and the pleas of the Dunblane parents may well be swept away.

Delay is a legitimate concern, but need not be a problem. The Government should publish the Bill with alternative clauses setting out the effective range of options. The Commons could choose between the Cullen proposals (limited as they are), the Government's compromise and the ban supported by Labour and much of the country. Ministers did this in the case of the Sunday Trading legislation and it worked well. The procedure could work well again here.

Another ingenious, but spurious, defence of the Government's policy is that if a total ban were sought, the gun-control legislation might be delayed or even blocked by backwoodsmen in the Lords: a free vote there would allow the shooting lobby to sabotage the Bill. In this respect, ministers are hiding behind the out-of-date views of the very peers they rely upon for their majority in the Lords.

The argument does not stand up. Even the most bat-witted peers will recognise the public anger that would break upon their heads if a rearguard action by the unelected were to wreck the Bill. It would be an own goal, and would boost Labour's argument for banishing the hereditary principle from Parliament. In any case, if the diehards in the Lords were threatening even this Government's unsatisfactory compromise, Labour and Liberal peers would ride to the rescue — and that's a racing certainty even on a free vote.

Ministers have a weak case, and they know it. They are scrabbling around for any argument that will give a cover to naked party interest. A free vote would allow each and every Member the right to choose and to answer for what they do to the electorate.

> A free vote would do something for the reputation of the Commons

On a free vote a few Labour Members might support the shooting lobby. So be it. On the Government side, Tories such as John Carlisle — who cruelly accused the Dunblane parents of over-reacting and being over-emotional — and a clutch of his friends can vote against everything if they wish. More importantly, however, Tory MPs with a conscience would be free to vote for a total ban.

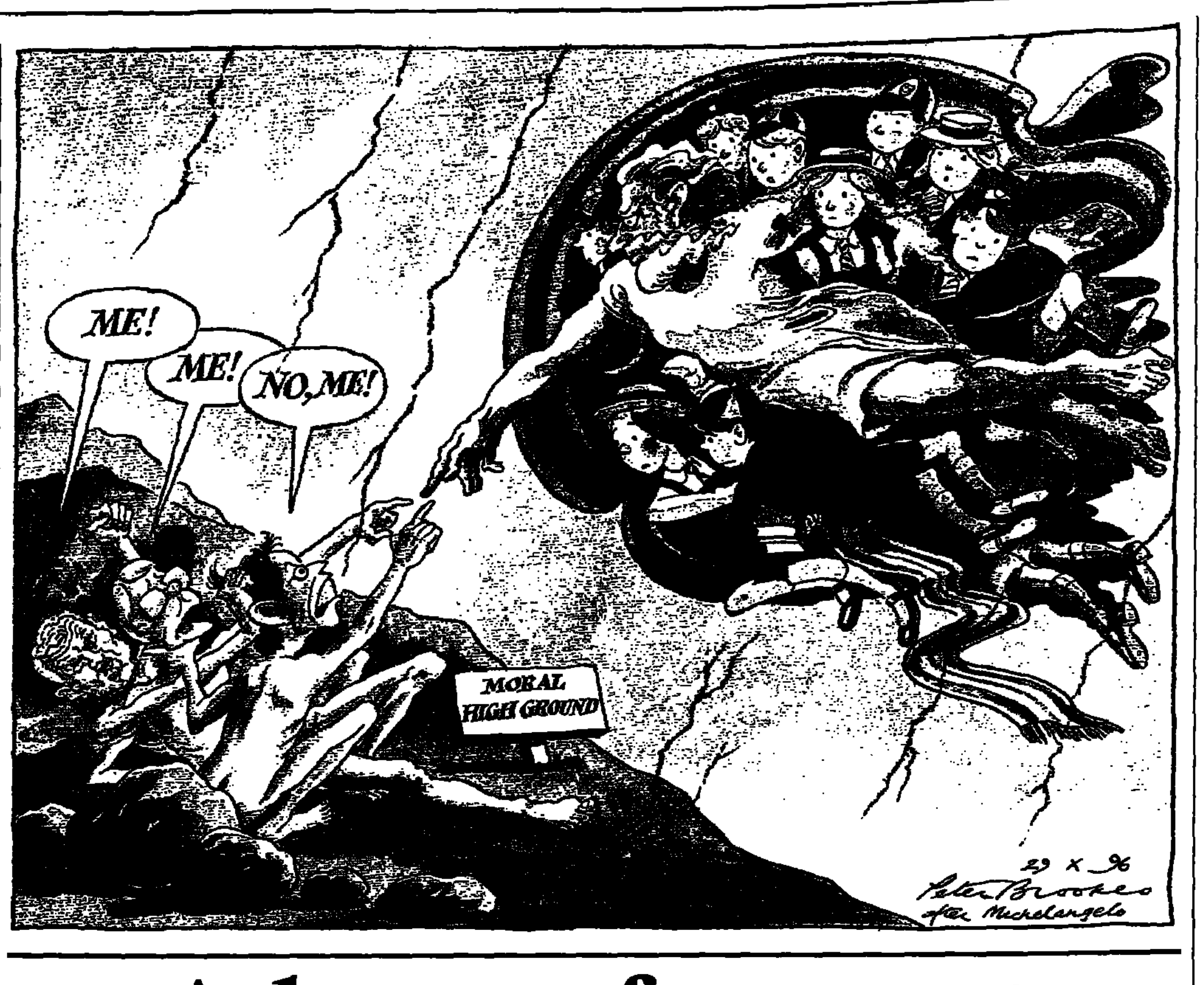
During the Queen's Speech debate the Prime Minister was prepared to change his mind on both stalking and paedophilia. If he doesn't have second thoughts on handguns, he may find himself in even greater difficulty and paying a high political price.

His present position is said to be a compromise between the views of the Home Secretary and the Scottish Secretary. That is not good enough. I can think of no issue on which people are looking more directly to Parliament for a lead, or where the issues are more clearly understood.

A free vote would also do something for the reputation of Parliament. It is the one way of resolving the issue that will be seen to be fair. The alternative is to risk a result which will be widely condemned as a victory for party loyalty rather than principle. A free vote would meet the needs of those, in Dunblane and the country at large, who want decisive, principled action quickly.

For Labour Members, there will be no whip when this legislation comes forward. I very much hope that Conservatives will be given the same freedom to exercise their judgment and so to reflect the views of their constituents.

The author is the Labour Party's chief whip.



A hero of retreat

Timothy Garton Ash reflects on Mikhail Gorbachev's place in history

Time is cruel. Leaders who seemed great in their day fade to a few lines in the history books. Only a very few continue to grow in stature over time, to accumulate ever more layers of interpretation and reinterpretation, mystique and myth. It is a fair bet that Mikhail Gorbachev will be among those few.

His role in world history is full of ironies. Another of the few, Winston Churchill, declared that he did not become the King's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire. Gorbachev did not become Soviet leader in 1985 in order to preside over the liquidation of the Soviet empire, let alone of the Soviet Union itself. But that is what he found himself doing: permitting the peaceful self-liberation of Eastern Europe in 1989 and the reunification of Germany in 1990, then being unable to prevent the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991. What is more, it is for this that he will be best remembered. (This helps to explain the contrast between his popularity abroad and unpopularity at home.)

The German writer Hans Magnus Enzenberger has described him as a "hero of retreat". An old Russian tradition: one thinks of Marshal Kutuzov retreating across the vast expanses of Russia, tempting Napoleon's armies to their fate. However, the characterisation is unfair. This retreat not only began as an advance, but in many ways remained one, and what Gorbachev left behind was not scorched earth. Take foreign policy, for a start. Gorbachev set out to transform the Soviet Union's relations with the outside world. He wanted to stop the arms race with the United States and what he calls in his memoirs the "insane militarisation" of the Soviet Union. He wanted a new co-operative relationship with the West, based on the so-called "new thinking" that he and his closest associates developed. He wanted to end the Cold War.

However, the breakthrough to these goals came with the velvet revolutions of 1989. The Cold War ended where it began, in Central Europe. Here, Gorbachev's position was more complicated. There is no doubt that he wanted a new relationship with his Warsaw Pact allies. He was serious about applying to them the "new thinking" principle of freedom of choice, and, crucially, about not using force to push them into line.

But he also seems to have believed until quite late that something like the "socialism with a human face" advocated in the Prague Spring of 1968 still had a chance of popular support. After all, wasn't he trying it himself, in the Moscow Spring?

It is an interesting question whether he would have so cheerfully let the Polish and Hungarian experiments in political pluralism begin, early in 1989, if he had had a clear idea of where they were likely to end. Yet when they did end — with, in effect, a vote to go West as fast as possible — he accepted this "free choice" with remarkable grace, swallowing even the biggest pill: the reunification of Germany. Instead of the Brezhnev Doctrine, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman proclaimed the Sinatra Doctrine: "They do it their way."

> Under another leader the Soviet Union might have gone on declining for years — slowly and dangerously

Inside the Soviet Union, Gorbachev developed from Communist reformer into a leader determined to transform the communist system into something qualitatively different. One of his great strengths was his ability to go on learning and adapting in quite fundamental ways: a capacity rare enough among those in high office. In 1988 he took crucial decisions to move to contested elections and a legislature endowed with real powers. He may still have imagined some half-way house between communism and Western-style democracy. In his memoirs, he talks of the essence of the political reform being the transfer of power from the Party to the Soviets, so eerily recalling the old revolutionary slogan "All power to the Soviets!" Nonetheless, he certainly wanted the Soviet Union to be much freer and more democratic than it had ever been before, and a lot more respectful of human and civil rights. The veteran dissident Andrei Sakharov was among the People's Deputies in the new Congress.

These, then, were intentional successes. Such progress as Russia and other former Soviet states have made since he resigned in 1991 — towards more freedom (considerable), more markets (significant) and more democracy (very mixed indeed) — is not a direct result of his policies, but follows from the process that he began. By his own account, the great failure was what he calls "nationalities policy". Gorbachev was — and perhaps in some sense still is — a genuine Soviet patriot. For him, the Soviet Union was a country. He characterises the failure to preserve the Union, in a new and more democratic form, as a tragedy. He blames this, above all, on his old antagonist, the Russian leader Boris Yeltsin — and of course Yeltsin was instrumental in the endgame of the Soviet Union. But we are not bound to share either Gorbachev's own analysis or his pessimism about the result.

Rather, by applying the principles he embraced, we can come to a quite different conclusion. Many of the subject peoples of the former Soviet Union — Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Georgians — did not see the USSR as a country, a *patria*. They saw it as an internal empire. If the Sinatra Doctrine applied to Poles, they said, why not to Lithuanians? The logic was hard to fault. They took the "freedom of choice" and chose to be free — of the Soviet Union. No one could reasonably pretend that the end of the Soviet Union was a perfect exercise in Wilsonian liberal self-determination. But that there is today an independent Ukraine is not tragedy at all for our common European home (to recall another of Gorbachev's phrases). Difficult though many Russians find this to accept, it is no tragedy for Russia either. So while Gorbachev himself may still see this as a loss, history may book this too to the credit side of his account.

The case of Gorbachev raises in piquant form the old question of the role of the individual in history. As a student at Moscow State University he must have read the famous assertion by Friedrich Engels that if Napoleon had not been born "another would have filled his place", a claim that Engels believed "proved by the fact that the man was always found as soon as he became necessary: Caesar, Augustus, Cromwell etc".

Would it all have happened anyway? Well, of course we can never know what would have happened if . . . But against what Bergson called "the illusions of retrospective determinism", I would say two things. First, it was a very unusual mixture of personal qualities that enabled Gorbachev to bring the Communist Party peacefully to surrender its own dictatorship (his word) in the Soviet State, and the State to do likewise in the Soviet bloc. As he himself has observed, he was both a product of the Communist Party apparatus and its deliberate gravedigger.

Of course he had allies among his own political generation, the so-called "Sixties men", but no one else had his particular combination of energy, idealism, imagination, tactical guile and personal magnetism. That magnetism played no small part in winning over so many foreign leaders — not least Margaret Thatcher — and it still reaches us through the television screen on his current visit to Britain. In our age of television politics and summit diplomacy, personalities matter more, not less.

Secondly, no other totalitarian or authoritarian empire in history has ended so peacefully, let alone an empire with nuclear weapons. Trying to glimpse the way ahead for Central Europe in the late 1980s, I tried the image of a progressive "Ottomanisation" of the Soviet empire. But the Ottoman Empire spent decades in decline and ended only in the First World War. Proof is impossible, but I am convinced that under a different leader, with more half-hearted reforms, the Soviet Union could have gone on slowly declining for some years — slowly and dangerously. We might still be living in a world divided between Eastern and Western blocs, with the Berlin Wall still standing, a nuclear arms race dragging on and more than 300 million people significantly less free than they are today.

The author will be in conversation with Mikhail Gorbachev at tonight's Times/*Dillons forum.*

Bad old days of Labour

Woodrow Wyatt rebukes the new hypocrites

Early on Sunday morning I was swimming my usual furlong in the splendid RAC pool in Pall Mall and reflecting on our moral maze. Two boys of about 11 or 12, presumably from respectable backgrounds, dived in. They dashed from lane to lane, scaring ladies — one of whom got out in fright. When one of the boys almost crashed into me, I bellowed: "Keep in lane, you horrible child. Behave yourself." Startled and subdued, both boys did. When I started to climb out, another lady still swimming called: "I'm getting out, too, now the policeman's going." At lunchtime on *The World at One* I heard David Blunkett mauling Mrs Shephard and the Government's 17-year failure to halt rising lawlessness. "We must get back to the standards of the society we had until 1979."

That was when the unions were corrupted by immoral ballot rigging to ensure that the union bosses got the executive committees they wanted. Strikes abounded. Britain's economy nearly collapsed. It was Margaret Thatcher's union reforms that gave secret ballots and union members the representatives they voted for. Strikes dwindled to a trickle: the economy flourished and still does. Margaret Thatcher conferred on Labour the boon of largely cleansed trade unions run by more sensible leaders, not rocking Mr Blair's boat as they did Wilson's and Callaghan's. It was a great Tory victory for upholding moral standards which could not have been won by a Labour government.

Dunblane and publicised cases of dreadful indiscipline in some schools have brought a sudden awareness that the upbringing of our youth has gone awry. This is too serious for party political warfare. The ending of National Service by Harold Macmillan — trying to win votes — was a mistake. It removed the opportunity to inculcate at just the right age a sense of service and duty to the nation, at which the Armed Forces are so good, to balance the debilitating expectation that the welfare state will take care of everyone.

Rights above responsibilities was the lesson preached by many left-wing teachers who believed in letting their pupils do their own thing without fear of correction. Books extolling virtues, by authors such as Enid Blyton, were banished as not "politically correct". Many parents protested when good teachers dealt severely with their recalcitrant offspring.

Among the young, perhaps 2 or 3 per cent are convinced that wrongdoing, stealing and violence are acceptable. Among boys especially, the heroes are notable sportsmen. Paul Gascoigne gets away with savage wife-beating, drunkenness and kicking opponents on the field. Even Geoffrey Boycott now appears to be a rather unsavoury character. Yet Gascoigne is still selected for his league team and for England, and as yet there is no call to exclude Boycott from the commentary box. When the authorities bless such rotters, the young are encouraged to behave likewise.

Supposedly to combat violence, politicians of all parties vie in proposing ever more ridiculous laws about owning guns and knives. But it is the minds and the hands which direct the weapons that need reforming. The idea that someone on the verge of insanity will refrain from single or serial murder (as on the Tokyo underground) because certain weapons have been declared illegal is infantile. Banning them stimulates black market sales of lethal weapons, which are already flooding into the country via Ireland and Germany where the Russian mafia are flourishing. Almost anything can be lethal. On the radio, I recently heard a young man's moving account of how his 22-year-old sister was murdered by having a screwdriver pushed through her throat.

Teachers — for the most part very decent people — find that if they rap an unruly pupil they are threatened with dismissal. The elderly whose property is attacked by violent criminals are imprisoned and made to pay compensation for firing shotguns at them. Burglars who injure themselves climbing walls with broken glass or barbed wire on top are treated by the courts as victims and awarded damages. A policeman who cuffs an unruly youth harassing passers-by is dismissed. Soldiers in Gibraltar shooting IRA terrorists about to murder hundreds are called to account, and is a soldier in Northern Ireland for shooting at a stolen car carrying IRA sympathisers.

Few believe in the hellfire and damnation threats of the old established religions, which are fast losing their influence. Unconvincingly they blame society for criminal behaviour. The other day a bishop justified stealing food, claiming it a right accorded to the hungry. There are no easy solutions, but there is a growing mood in favour of a return to the best of Victorian values. This will gather strength during the coming decades, but it cannot be accelerated by a few weeks of rushing irrelevant acts through Parliament. The instincts of the nation generally are sound and good. Eventually they will triumph over the forces of evil if they are better supported by the courts and the law.

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Replacement

DOUBLE Tanquerays all round at Clarence House. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's surgeon, a key member of the team that replaced her hip, has been asked back to work at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers in London after successfully undergoing "gender reassignment".

William Muirhead-Allwood's position at the hospital, where the Queen Mother successfully underwent her operation, was jeopardised when he announced in July that he had decided to change gender. He asked his charges in future to address him as "Miss Sarah K. Muirhead-Allwood".

The matter was referred to the hospital's medical committee, which decided that s/he should not be allowed to admit patients. Patients took up their walking sticks, and Cardinal Basil Hume wrote in support. "The Cardinal wrote to say that he had had one hip done by William Muirhead-Allwood," says my source, "and that if he needed another hip operation he would go straight to Miss Sarah Muirhead-Allwood."

I am delighted to report that the hospital has changed its tune. "We have reviewed the position," says chief executive Brigadier Colin Harrison, OBE. "And she has re-established herself here."

William, as was

● *Celebrations at the Savoy hotel to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Auguste Escoffier, its famous chef, are as much a kicking-over of traces as a toast to his kitchen-craft. Escoffier was sacked from the Savoy, along with Cesar Ritz, in 1898 for taking kickbacks and soliciting gifts from the hotel's suppliers. "He left under a cloud," says the Savoy, but 98 years on the hotel is in forgiving mood.*

Horse sense

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S visit to the former Soviet Republic of Turkmenistan next week is horribly likely to lead to an unwelcome increase in his entourage.

The Turkmen leader, President Niyazov, hands out horses to foreign dignitaries like rosettes at a gymkhana. John Major benefited from his munificence two years ago when he received a highly-strung grey and white stallion.

The beast quickly became a diplomatic embarrassment, languishing in Turkmenistan for two months where he became listless and fat, and afterwards presenting livery problems. The French temporarily "lost" their horse, and the Swedes have dispatched the three they were given. The Foreign Office has stern advice for Prince Charles: "Just say no."

Skinful

ZULU *couture* and nature conservancy have clashed in South Africa, where the ceremonial outfits of a leading tribal chieftain have been confiscated. Prince Gideon Zulu, the Minister of Social Welfare and Pensions in KwaZulu / Natal and a big spear in the Inkatha Freedom Party, was foolish enough to leave his leopardskin regalia in a wildlife "skin shop" in Durban.

Tribal embarrassment

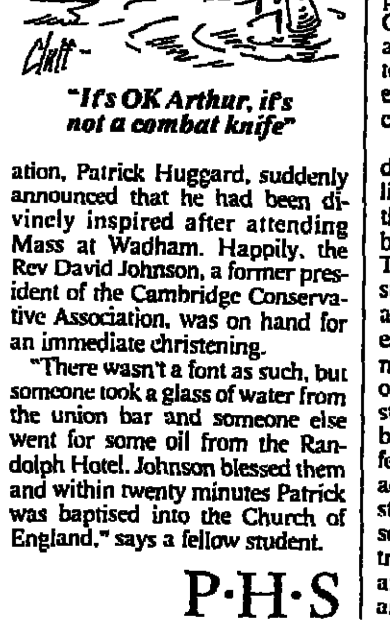
When the store was raided by police and an undercover team of nature conservation officials, Prince Gideon's togs were swiped along with assorted nyala, springbok, python and impala skins. He lashed out at the police during a Shaka Day rally saying that the raid was an attack on his people's culture. The authorities are unimpressed and three men found in the skin shop are to go on trial tomorrow while Gideon's wildlife prints will remain locked up.

● *Jasper Johns is a sensitive petal. A retrospective of his work is showing at New York's Museum of Modern Art, and he has insisted that the museum destroy 300 jigsaws in the gift shop because they reproduce his famous depiction of the Stars and Stripes without his permission. The museum has complied with Johns's edict but not before 20 of the "collectors items" were handed as gifts to board members for posterity.*

Comm-union

A BAPTISM took place for the first time in the Oxford Union on Sunday, when the President of the University Conservative Association, Patrick Huggard, suddenly announced that he had been divinely inspired after attending Mass at Wadham. Happily, the Rev David Johnson, a former president of the Cambridge Conservative Association, was on hand for an immediate christening.

"There wasn't a font as such, but someone took a glass of water from the union bar and someone else went for some oil from the Randolph Hotel. Johnson blessed them and within twenty minutes Patrick was baptised into the Church of England," says a fellow student.



"It's OK Arthur, it's not a combat knife"

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VIRTUE MUST BE TAUGHT

Why moral neutrality is immoral and self-defeating

There are three groups which stand in the way of success for the programme of civic renewal proposed by Frances Lawrence in *The Times* last week. The first argues that she is calling for the impossible; the second that she is calling for the undesirable; the third is unsure whether the programme is possible or desirable but thinks that support for it will win votes.

It is the third group, made up of politicians of all parties, which is the most familiar, the easiest to understand and the one that has so far been given the most attention. While Messrs Major and Prescott struggle in the unfamiliar floodwaters of moral discourse, it is worth looking more closely at the other two groups, the "can't be dones" and the "shouldn't be dones".

The "can't be dones" argue that a return to civic virtues is mere nostalgia in the modern world. Aristotle and Thomas Jefferson were able to agree positive communal rules because they were working for small, exclusive, leisured and self-sufficient communities: today, they say, we are all mere individuals swept up in a worldwide movement of money and markets which make a single community, even a nation, increasingly unable to set its own rules.

The "shouldn't be dones" argue that the revival of communal virtues is a possibility; but that any plausible means of revival would do more harm than good. Yes, they say, a community can be defined by the shared aims which its members have agreed to hold. Yes, less emphasis can be given to the freedoms which members of a community receive. But what happens to those who fail to share or agree those ends? They must either be forced to toe a line that they have rejected or shut out of the community altogether. The resulting exclusion (or more likely, in a modern society, compulsion) will bring more bad effects than any good that comes from the tighter rules.

Both opposing groups are a threat to those who advocate a heightened sense of civic virtue. But Mrs Lawrence and her allies are at less immediate risk from the "can't be dones". As politicians have quickly discovered, promises merely to manage moral decline will not be popular. In élite salons it may be acceptable to treat Mrs Lawrence as a temporary irritant; in wider public discourse it is a fool who says that violent crime and family breakdown are fated to remain at current levels.

It is the tribe of "shouldn't be dones" which needs most to be answered. The doubts that they raise may be loud and confused; but they contain legitimate and real issues none the less. Only by treating them with respect can progress be made. Those who preach higher standards of behaviour for a society need always to remember the failings of their predecessors, many of whom saw suitable community behaviour as something bestowed by birth. Aristotle excluded women; Jefferson excluded slaves; almost everyone excluded foreigners. In the last 200 years it has been more common to believe that civic virtue can be taught. Lessons have been formulated and for long periods successfully delivered. A headmaster like Philip Lawrence embodied, enacted and taught appropriate ethics. But some of those who resist such teaching will always doubt whether it is genuinely intended for them. The fear of exclusion by fact of birth still runs deep.

So does the fear of excessive compulsion. *The Observer*, reacting as though Generals Franco and Pinochet were at their gates rather than the gentle Mrs Lawrence, warned on Sunday of a "Dutch auction in repression". Some form of greater compulsion is, indeed, inevitable. If communal duties are to be restored alongside communal rights, a range of sanctions must be ready for those whose only idea of one's duty is not doing it. Those sanctions need strong leadership, constancy of application and sanctification by time. Wrong rules create bad citizens as easily as right rules create good ones; and a genuine objection to the teaching of virtue is the problem of the "evil" (or misguided) teacher.

At the centre of Mrs Lawrence's own case is the removal of certain encouragements to antisocial vice and some enhancement of rewards for virtue. It is surely a modest proposal to stop the marketing of killer knives to those who fantasise about killing; if a dangerous product cannot be defined sufficiently to be banned outright, then license the point at which it is sold. Such a system would not remove all dangerous knives from the streets; but it could remove the outrage of their free and flaunted sale, strike a blow for civilised behaviour and hardly sever the roots of liberty.

As for directly teaching virtue, many of those who have replied to Mrs Lawrence through *The Times* have made suggestions as to how this could be done. The favourite is the recruitment of more teachers with the strength and commitment of Philip Lawrence. There is support for stronger systems of reward for good behaviour as well as for bolder content of lessons in the civic virtues.

How should that content be decided? The "shouldn't be dones" argue that to teach the virtues of traditional marriage and family life is to reduce the freedom of those outside it. This case is sometimes restated as a threat to the self-esteem of children who do not come from traditional families. Neither exposition is persuasive. Of all the threats to children's self-esteem at school, this is hardly likely to be the greatest one. As for reducing freedoms, a successful lesson in the difference between right and wrong prevents no one from doing wrong if he or she so chooses; but surely it is better if individuals know what is wrong and are aware of society's sanctions. Studied neutrality and moral relativism are, in themselves, immoral. Refusing to warn the vulnerable that they will suffer if they yield to untutored impulses is an abdication of responsibility. It is as wrong to withhold traditional wisdom from the young as it is to withhold any other form of nourishment.

Anyone who argues against any moral teaching at all has to ask themselves how happy they are with the content of teaching that otherwise remains. If a society has no ends other than the freedom of its members, its political discourse risks evaporating to nothing. If the level of public debate today seems low, if public interests seem merely trivial, if politicians are held in lower regard than pornographers, might it not be because all the important issues of public behaviour and morality have been removed from the debating floor? If, when a moral issue is raised, it is raised so badly and so crudely as to fall into immediate disrepute, might that be because the politicians are out of practice?

As it is in the country, so it is in the classroom. To some there there may appear to be excellent arguments against promulgating the case against violence or teaching pupils to avoid cruelty, respect property rights and honour marital duties. But the result of teaching no virtues at all is a dessicated discourse whose dry emptiness extends far beyonds the civics class. And into the vacuum left by the fear of teaching virtue imperfectly march the intolerance, incomprehension and fascination with extremists that the liberal-minded citizen rightly condemns.

At this point the case against the "shouldn't be dones" merges with the case against the "can't be dones"; for the latter's sense of powerlessness against the international forces of modernity is directly increased by the former's loss of the freedoms which they thought they possessed. The young have an acute sense of their small place in the domains of Microsoft and the Internet. Today's children will need power to exercise any kind of will in the coming world; but freedom by itself is not enough.

Power comes from a strong moral hinterland. Politicians who strengthen that true political base will earn the place in history that so many so vainly now seek.

MALTESE CROSS

How 'Brussels' unseated a great European moderniser

At the threshold of Europe, Malta's voters have abruptly and unexpectedly shied away. The defeat of Edward Fenech Adami's Nationalist Party means Malta's precipitate withdrawal from its Partnership for Peace with Nato and, probably, the end of its application to join the EU. Great uncertainty lies ahead as the victorious Labour Party tries instead to reposition Malta closer to its North African "neighbours".

At least Alfred Sant, the multilingual young Harvard-trained Labour leader, bears a closer resemblance to Tony Blair than to Malta's octogenarian warhorse of the Left, Dom Mintoff. For this exorcising of raw socialism, Mr Fenech Adami deserves lasting credit. Since he first broke the political grip of Dom Mintoff's Labour Party in 1987, he has transformed Malta's living standards, prospects and its sense of itself. Out went the ideological solidarity with the Third World, including Malta's military alliance with Libya; down came the trade barriers and the economics of socialist autarky. Compulsory Arabic in schools ended, and rightly so. It was an unloved product of Dom Mintoff's obsession that Malta's Semitic national language gave it an "Arab" identity regardless of its history as a bastion of militant Christendom.

Mr Fenech Adami's defeat is a cautionary tale for all democrats. On bread-and-butter issues, he deserved to win. Much of Western Europe can only dream of annual growth averaging 5 per cent, negligible unemployment, 3 per cent inflation, rapidly rising per capita incomes and sound public finances. Since Malta owes this new prosperity not only to Mr Fenech Adami's free-market policies but to his success in building up trade with the European Union, he had reason to believe that Malta's voters would back him decisively on EU membership.

But he had reckoned without one factor. "Europe" has been widely blamed for a policy which is as unpopular with the Maltese as was the poll tax in Britain — the replacement of customs duties by a 15 per cent VAT. This tax is unpopular for reasons that redound to Mr Fenech Adami's credit. It forms part of his war against Mintoff-era corruption, by enforcing transparency on the many secretive, tax-evading, family businesses. But because the reform was linked to Malta's drive to conform with EU practice, Labour cited it as proof that Brussels was already eroding Malta's sovereignty. Its promise to repeal the hated tax swung enough votes to unseat the Government.

Malta is less keen than might appear to throw its "European" identity once again into question; Mr Sant himself admits that while ruling out membership, he wants "much more than an association" with the EU. If Brussels had less of a reputation for intrusive regulation, the verdict might have been different. The thought should please none but the opponents of a wider Union.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doctors v parents on child's care

From Miss Barbara Hewson

Sir, The Court of Appeal's recent decision to support devoted parents' refusal to subject their son to a liver transplant is to be welcomed ("Mother wins right to stop son's surgery", October 25; Law Report, October 28). However, this case is not, as some commentators have claimed, a retrograde victory for "parents' rights" over "children's rights". This is about the power of doctors to impose treatment on unwilling participants.

NHS hospitals are resorting to the courts, in this case via a local authority, when "life-saving" treatment is declined. The idea that the State has the power to detain small children in order to subject them to major surgery and months of painful convalescence (assuming they survive) is, however, disturbing.

Here, the parents had been assured that their wishes would be respected. This was spelt out in the hospital's written policy document. Public bodies should not be allowed to flout their published policies like this, and the parents clearly had a legitimate expectation that this would not happen. Instead they found themselves the subject of a draconian order last year, even though they lived thousands of miles away.

Hospitals and authorities have massive resources to pursue "unreasonable" parents. The Official Solicitor (another arm of the State) claims the right to represent the child. What are ordinary people to do, when such powers are levelled against them? The answer is, I suggest, that they are supposed to capitulate. This family and its lawyers should be commended for their stand against state interference in private lives.

Yours sincerely,
BARBARA HEWSON,
12 Gray's Inn Square,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
October 28.

Research on divorce

From Professor Howard J. Markman

Sir, Neither your report nor your leading article of October 23 on my team's research into the prediction and prevention of divorce mentions the main point of its implications.

Our research shows that the odds of staying together can be dramatically improved if couples receive training before marriage in how to handle conflict. For example, a study in Germany has shown recently that among couples who received our training programme in conflict management before marriage, 2 per cent had divorced after three years. For a comparable (control) group of couples who had not received the training, the rate was 17 per cent.

It does not seem to be incompatibility that destroys marriage but lack of skill in controlling the conflicts that incompatibility produces. Given the tide of misery that such conflict generates, for couples and for their children, there is surely a strong case for using proven methods of reducing it.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD J. MARKMAN,
c/o One plus One (Marriage and
Partnership Research Charity),
14 Theobald's Road, WC1.
October 23.

From Mr Stanley J. Blenkinsop

Sir, My parents, happily married for almost half a century, were highly spirited people who regularly had forceful arguments. So much so that when I visited them during what turned out to be father's final illness, mother anxiously confided: "I really am dreadfully worried about Dad. He just doesn't seem to have a good row left in him any more".

Yours sincerely,
STANLEY J. BLENKINSOP,
22 Road Court,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Hair's breadth

From Mrs Helen Oldman

Sir, Philip Howard ("A jubilee for writers", October 28) seems to have been a victim of his own fast-moving newsprint world.

His malapropism missed by a "hair's breath".

Yours fatefully,
HELEN OLDMAN,
Tumbledown Farm, Wheelers Lane,
Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey.
October 28.

Face-saving

From Mrs Jillian Hart

Sir, When my eldest grandson returned happily from a week's summer camp, his mother had little trouble unpacking his grip. All was just as she'd left it: clean clothes still clean and neatly folded, his sponge-bag, complete with new toothbrush and bone-dry flannel (letters, October 12, 15, 17, 18, 21) untouched at the bottom.

Yours faithfully,
JILLIAN HART,
Parkgate Farmhouse,
Tenterden, Kent.
October 21.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Defining lines on offensive weapons

From Mr John Rayner

Sir, It appears that the drafting of legislation to take weapons off the streets is held up by difficulties in defining offensive weapons (report, October 25). If that is so, are other approaches being considered?

For instance, could legislation not be drafted to ban the possession of any item that could cause injury, unless the possessor could show that it was held for a peaceful domestic or commercial purpose? Under such a law a kitchen knife being carried home after purchase would be legal; but carrying the same item into a public place without a similar justification would be unlawful.

Carrying a licensed gun to or from a sporting venue, maintenance workshop etc would be lawful, but carrying even a licensed gun into a public place, for no demonstrable peaceful purpose, would be as unlawful as the possession of an unlicensed gun.

Such legislation would place the emphasis upon the intentions of the possessor rather than upon the nature of the item possessed. A chairleg in a furniture factory is acceptable; under a donkey jacket it is not.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN RAYNER,
29 Norval Road,
North Wembley, Middlesex.
October 25.

From Mr A. C. Ogilvie-Smith

Sir, There is little difference between the kitchen knife used by the innocent chef and the knife used by a criminal to stab (report and photograph, October 26). There is, however, a difference in the parts of the knives that are used.

In the kitchen the cutting edge (running the length of the blade) is in most use. In a stabbing, typically the extreme end of the blade is employed: the injury results from the pressure exerted on the negligible surface area of the tip of the blade, which can then penetrate a victim's body to a dangerous depth. Cutting edges can injure, but are much less likely to kill.

Knives with deliberately blunted ends cannot penetrate as far, if at all, and are less dangerous. Let us concentrate on the greatest danger, that posed by the knifepoint, and on how we can eliminate it.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM OGILVIE-SMITH,
Hyde House,
Longworth, Oxfordshire.
October 27.

From Mr P. R. Ridgway

Sir, The Prime Minister has rejected a call for a ban on combat knives, apparently because of the difficulty in producing an accurate definition. Why should this be a barrier? There is similar difficulty in defining obscenity and pornography but the legislation seems to work most of the time, with judges and juries applying commonsense definitions.

If the definition was "knives whose primary function is for combat", and if the police had powers to confiscate, this would seem to offer a pragmatic and workable solution.

Yours sincerely,
PHIL RIDGWAY,
27 Naverne Meadows,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Response to the Lawrence manifesto

From Dr Kay Andrews

Sir, It is a measure of her moral authority that Frances Lawrence can write: "The tragedy of Learco Chindamo is that there was no one, like Philip, to show him what he might be" ("My manifesto for the nation", October 21; letters, October 23, 25). In the search for renewal, ethical and practical, the life of Philip Lawrence obliges us to look urgently at how we can support schools and teachers in that task.

We have neglected the complex needs of young teenagers for years. Poor parenting, self-esteem, and community facilities can all drive young teenagers into the streets and cement their lack of achievement. The obvious and affordable solution is better provision when they are not in school.

Education Extra — and our network of 800 schools across the country — is already paving the way. By enabling schools to offer after-school and holiday-care clubs for working parents, to lay on homework and learning centres, to extend their arts, sports and special interest clubs and their opportunities for volunteering and community action we are helping young people to exercise social responsibility. Such schools now have a powerful advocate in Frances Lawrence.

Showing young people "what [they] might be" cannot all be done in the school day; it cannot all be done by teachers, and it needs resources. We need a national programme to put after-school opportunities within the reach of all young people — a programme which gives priority to young people's potential as citizens and to the schools' role in rebuilding community life. That would be in the best sense a tribute to the life of Philip Lawrence.

Yours faithfully,
KAY ANDREWS (Director),
Education Extra,
St Margaret's House,
17 Old Ford Road, E2.
October 28.

From the Chairman of the Institute of Business Ethics

Sir, It behoves us all to respond to the appeal to the nation by Mrs Lawrence. I hope that it will be encouraging to her to know that this institute is engaged in a campaign to make available to every secondary school a pack of resource material for social and personal education, which has just been completed by two teachers and school governors in co-operation with educational psychologists and others.

Entitled "The Other Three Rs", it addresses responsibility, relationships and respect. Each is analysed in detail: thus respect is for oneself, for others, and for life. Discussion and thought are stimulated by case material, quizzes, role-playing and other aids. Recent trials in schools have been most encouraging.

Our decision to become involved and to make a practical and down-to-earth contribution grew from the strong evidence of our national failure to promote sound and civilising values and the realisation that, instead of blaming each other, all social groups should aim to set an example and take responsibility in what amounts to a national crisis.

Yours faithfully,
NEVILLE COOPER, Chairman,
Institute of Business Ethics,
2 Palace Street, SW1.
October 22.

From Rabbi M. Hool

Sir, In the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme we have a ready-made programme and organisation to promote in a practical way the goals that Mrs Lawrence seeks. May I suggest that every head teacher in the country adopts the scheme.

Besides the innumerable lists of skills and the social and voluntary work programmes in the scheme, an exhilarating and gruelling 80-mile hike on Dartmoor, such as my two sons undertook for the adventure enterprise for the gold standard award, would put some well-needed backbone and character into our youth.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE HOOL,
Kingsbury Synagogue,
Kingsbury Green, NW9.
October 21.

Damage to NHS

From Dr Alastair Lack

Sir, Mr C. B. T. Adams (letter, October 22) points out that the reformed NHS accounting rules have made fat departments thin and the thin moribund.

Many medical staff concerned with management have studied it with a will, even acquiring the MBA (Master in Business Administration). Would that our managerial colleagues and the politicians who make the rules studied medicine as hard.

The army of accountants and managers in our hospitals and at the purchasing authorities are almost medically illiterate. As a result, distrust between management and medical professionals has widened.

Contracts worth millions of pounds are being based upon case numbers. Would any company purchase numbers of cars, not knowing the make or model? There is substantial resistance to contracts based on priorities other than waiting time (used because it is the only criterion that can be measured from a distance).

For the NHS reforms to succeed requires a new breed of administrator with a good knowledge of medical practice as well as management.

Yours sincerely,
J. A. LACK,
(Director of Resource Management,
Salisbury Hospital, 1990-95),
The River House,
Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Sir Reginald Murley

Sir, Mr Adams succinctly describes his own experience of the defects of NHS funding.

In June 1995, the Health and Welfare Unit of the Institute of Economic Affairs published *Patients or Customers: Are the NHS Reforms Working?* (Choice in Welfare Series, no. 23). That booklet showed that, far from the money following the patient, it is the patient who has to follow the money, often with serious restriction of consumer choice.

If there had been a National Health Fund, duly invested and nurtured as are the funds of the major private insurers, and if genuine consumer choice were to be created by empowering the patient with the cash or the health voucher, we might be on the way to achieving Aneurin Bevan's dream, "... in an ideal world we would all be private patients".

However, it seems that the NHS is doomed to muddle on with pseudo-market socialism while private medical insurance continues to grow under governments of all political persuasions.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD MURLEY
(President, Royal College of Surgeons
of England, 1977-80),
Cobden Hill House,
63 Cobden Hill,
Radlett, Hertfordshire.

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Lands where old school ties still fly

From Mr Guy Willoughby

Sir, Your leading article of October 24, lamenting the disappearance of the "empire-building" Old Etonians "wiped out by world wars", is surely flawed. There are Old Etonians in Abkhazia, Afghanistan, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan ... and on the banks of the Zambezi.

Our "office hours" are with diplomatic missions, leading relief convoys, news reporting, clearing landmines, finding new oil fields, flying planes off bush strips, peacekeeping. For "recreation" we still prefer rod, rifle or horse to yoghurt-knitting or surfing the Internet.

As for OE ties, the careers of our choice tend to mean no ties at all.

Yours etc,
GUY WILLOUGHBY,
c/o Gilchristland,
Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.
October 25.

School league tables

From the Headmaster of Gordonstoun

Sir, It would not be appropriate for one headmaster to comment on the conduct of another. However, in the light of recent events at Cheltenham College (letters, October 22, 24), I do feel both entitled and honour-bound to express a view on the national preoccupation — now bordering on obsession — with the much-vaunted and substantially flawed league tables.

If we dwell on academic achievement as the sole criterion in education, the omens are gloomy, not just for headteachers but for society itself. We must endeavour to appreciate that the academic facet of education and upbringing is invalid as an end in itself: it is no more than an element to be balanced and complemented by the development of character, training in citizenship and the stimulation of spiritual aspiration.

Then, and then only, hope will become a word which will follow into, through and out of our schools. The nation's young people possess potential, qualities and talents that are as strong as they have ever been. We owe it to them and to future generations to get it right.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. PYPER, Headmaster,
Gordonstoun School,
Elgin, Moray.
October 23.

Bruce Matthews

From Mr Peter Stephens

Sir, Your obituary of Bruce Matthews, former Managing Director of News International (October 25), emphasised his love of racing. During a strike of journalists at *The Sun* in Bouverie Street in the Eighties, I was able to put his knowledge of the sport to good use.

It was decided that I should sub-edit and lay out the sports pages (as Editorial Director, my copy was acceptable to the print unions) while Kelvin MacKenzie, the Editor, produced the news pages. We were under some pressure, and short-cuts had to be taken. On the first day of the strike, I hurriedly wrote tips for the main race meetings, using the pseudonym Steve.

Bruce offered to take over this responsibility, and brought his selections to my office in secrecy. The copy was sent to the printer in my handwriting, and "Steve" tipped a number of winners. It was a ruse that brought him much pleasure and amusement in what was otherwise a tense situation.

With valuable help from Bruce Matthews and others, we continued to produce the paper for a number of days until the strike was abandoned.

Yours faithfully,
PETER STEPHENS,
3 The Friary, Appletongate,
Newark, Nottinghamshire.

All at sea

From Mr Denis Harvey-Kelly

Sir, The announcement (Travel News, October 24) that the tour operator Saga has bought the cruise ship *Sagafjord* is coupled with the chairman's comment that it is exactly the right size for his customers.

He added: "You could spend a week on board some of the ships now at sea and not even meet the people with whom you embarked". I had not realised one could be so lucky.

Yours faithfully,
H. D. HARVEY-KELLY,
Corby House, Sherborne, Dorset.

Back in touch

From Mrs Barbara Graham

Sir, During the past six months, through your letters page, I have been happily reunited with two friends last seen some 35 years ago. Our connection was Hulton Press, Fleet Street, in the days when *Eagle*, *Girl*, *Robin* and *Swift* were favourite comics and *Picture Post* much more than just a picture library.

Careful, Sir, *Times* Letters could become a "Where are they now?" column.

Yours faithfully,
B. GRAHAM (*née* BERRY),
4 Kelmscott Close,
Caversham Heights,
Reading, Berkshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BOROMABIMAN MANSION, BANGKOK

October 28: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Thailand this afternoon and were welcomed at Don Muang Airport by The King and Queen of Thailand.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, with Their Majesties, drove to the Pavilion of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and were received by the Governor of Bangkok (Dr Bhichit Rattakul), who presented to The Queen the Key to the City.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later visited The King and Queen of Thailand at Chitralada Palace.

Members of the Royal Family of Thailand were present.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Reception for media representatives at Boromabiman Mansion.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a State Banquet given by The King and Queen of Thailand at the Grand Palace, concluding with a Masque in the garden of the Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 28: The Prince Edward this morning opened the Royal Marines School of Music, *HMS Nelson*, Portsmouth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 28: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

His Royal Highness this afternoon held a seminar to discuss forestry in the Duchy of Cornwall.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a viewing of the "Sir William Chambers: Architect to George III" exhibition at the Courtauld Gallery, Somerset House, London WC2.

His Royal Highness afterwards attended the Royal Variety Performance in aid of the Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund at the Dominion Theatre.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 28: The Duke of Kent this afternoon departed Royal Air Force Northolt for Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited C Squadron, Queens Dragoon Guards, Bos Petrovac, and later opened a Garment Factory, the 400th Overseas Development Agency's project, Bos Petrovac, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Spinal Injuries Association, will open and tour the new Williams Grand Prix engineering factory and attend an auction luncheon at Grove, Wantage, Oxfordshire, at 11.45; as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will launch Hackney Safer Cities Small Grants scheme, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8; at 4.00; and as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will attend the John Arlott memorial dinner at The Landmark Hotel, N1, at 7.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a reception at the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates at London House, Mecklenburgh Square, WC1, at 7.00.

Royal Institute of Navigation

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Institute of Navigation for the ensuing year:

President, Air Commodore D.F.H. Grocott; Vice-Presidents, Captain A.N. Cockcroft and Mr H.J. Agnew; Honorary Treasurer, Air Commodore M. J-C. Burton; Chairman of the Technical Committee, Mr D.M. Page; Chairman of the Membership and Fellowship Committee, Air Commodore N. Bonnor; members of council, Mrs C.A. Bloom, Mr C. Chapman, Mr P.L. Cook, Professor P.N. Dilly, Mr M.A. Gamester, Mr W.B. Kendal, Commander P. Le Pla, Mr P.E.G. Moore, Mr W.H. Sandford and Mr A.L. Wale.

Dame Jane Drew

There will be a Gathering to celebrate the life of the late Dame Jane Drew at the Architectural Association, 34 Bedford Square, WC1 on Wednesday, November 13, at 6pm.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, chemical physicist, 68; Professor S.P. Borriello, director, Central Public Health Laboratory, 53; Sir Derek Bradbeer, former president, Law Society, 65; Dame Anne Bryans, a former trustee, Joint Committee, Order of St John and British Red Cross Society, 87; Mr George Davies, former chief executive, Next, 55; Mr Richard Dreyfuss, actor, 49; Admiral Sir Derek Empson, 78; Mr Mark Fisher, MP, 52; Lady France, former Headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 61; Sir William Gladstone, Lord-Lieutenant of Clwyd, 71; Baroness Gould of Potternewton, 64; Mr John Grant, journalist and crossword compiler, 73; Mr David Grindley, athlete, 24; Mr Robert Hardy, actor, 71; Dr Tim Holt, Registrar General for England and Wales, 53; Sir Edward Howard, former Lord Mayor of London, 81; Mr Michael Jayston, actor, 61; Mr D W Limon, Clerk of the House of Commons, 64; Mr Max Madden, MP, 55; Dr Paul Mellars, President, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 57; Mr Jack Shepherd, actor and director, 56; Miss J. Trotter, NHS Executive, South and West Regional Office, 53; Mr Paul Tyler, MP, 55; Mr Jon Vickers, opera singer, 70; Mr Galen Weston, vice-chairman, Fortnum and Mason, 56.

ALAN WELLER

General Sir Peter de la Billière launching the 1996 Poppy Appeal in Trafalgar Square yesterday

Time to remember the sacrifice of war

By John Young

HUNDREDS of local authorities, schools and businesses throughout Britain will stop work to observe two minutes' silence on Armistice Day, Monday, November 11. BBC radio and television, commercial television and many local radio stations are also expected to interrupt their programmes.

Charles Lewis, the Royal British Legion's controller of communications, said yesterday that the response to the legion's campaign to restore the tradition of marking the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918, as well as commemorating the war dead on the nearest Sunday, had met with a very encouraging response. "No one has said no," he said.

The National Westminster Bank and the Sainsbury supermarket chain have undertaken to observe the silence in all their branches. Other large companies who have responded positively are GKN, British Airways and the BAA.

The legion has also written to all MPs, in the Commons and the Lords, asking for their support. Many local authorities will fire maroons to mark the beginning and end of the silence, church bells will chime up until 11am, and the guns of Dover Castle will be fired in salute.

The two-minute silence was experimentally restored last year and was observed by an estimated half of the population. A survey of 1,000 people the following week found that 93 per cent supported the idea that it should become a regular feature of British life and an even higher proportion, 97 per cent, of 15-25 year olds were in favour.

The annual Poppy Day appeal was launched yesterday by General Sir Peter de la Billière, who commanded the British forces in the Gulf War. After state trumpeters of the Household Cavalry had sounded Last Post and Reveille, he unveiled two placards on either side of a French-built H90 Panhard armoured car captured in the Falklands War. The placards invite the public to help the repair the damage done by weapons of war by buying poppies and placing them on the vehicle.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the legion which was founded by a group of young soldiers who had witnessed the slaughter of the Somme. The founding chairman was Tom Lister, a former bombardier in the Royal Artillery, who was aged only 29 at the time.

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, the present chairman, said that last year's appeal had raised £16 million, an increase of £1.2 million on 1994-95. He hoped that the public would be even more generous this year, recognising the ever growing numbers of elderly veterans and dependants who needed help.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

BRIGADIER: D V Nicholls - CTCRM as Cmdt 14.4.97.

COMMODORE: A J S Taylor - Gibraltar 8.4.97.

CAPTAIN: S M Williams - Staff of CINCFLEET 10.1.97.

COMMANDER: D J Evans - MOD London 2.5.97; L R Hayward - MOD London 20.12.96; J I Humphreys - Sceptre in Cmd 11.2.97; R D Leaman - Cumberland in Cmd 22.4.97; S C Ramm - MOD London 18.3.97; A R Rymer - NMA Portsmouth 27.3.97; G M Skinns - Portsmouth 1.7.97.

SURGEON COMMANDER: N P Butterfield - CTCRM 6.1.97; T R Douglas-Riley - Drake CBP 28.2.97.

MAJOR: D J Stewart - HQRM 25.7.97.

CHAPLAIN: J Hill - Sultan 7.5.97; R C J R Martin - Seahawk 11.1.97; N E Woodcock - Dartmouth 11.5.97.

The Army

BRIGADIER: M L Wildman to be Defence Adviser Pretoria, 1.11.96.

COLONEL: R G Owen to be Comd HQ 4 Div, 1.11.96. R B Peregrine to be HQ REME TA, 1.11.96. M B Cooper to be Defence Adviser Malaysia, 28.10.96.

Retirements

COLONEL: J G H Robertson late RE, 31.10.96; M J H Vickery OBE late KRH, 31.10.96; E Milsud late RAMC, 31.10.96.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: H G Mackay - Cmdt RCDS, 28.10.96; N D A Maddox - RAF Bruggen, 1.11.96.

WING COMMANDER: H F Gray-Wallis - DACU London, 14.10.96; K Smith - SO1 AIR DOC, 14.10.96; R A Forrester - UKNMR Brussels, 14.10.96; G J P Moore IHSCHQ Staff Shape, 21.10.96; P A Rushmere - DSGT Cranwell, 28.10.96; S D Penny - RIU Henlow, 28.10.96; S W Oliver - HQ AIRCENT, 28.10.96.

Retirements

AIR COMMODORE: P J Wilkinson, 30.10.96.

GROUP CAPTAIN: R J Sharp, 1.11.96.

Dinners

Shipwrights' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Shipwrights' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr John G.M. Hart, Prime Warden, and Mr James G. Freeland, Renter Warden, and their ladies received the guests. The Prime Warden presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Lord Chancellor and Dr T. John Parker, Fifth Warden.

At a reception held earlier, the winner of the Shipwrights' Company Prize at the annual exhibition of the Royal Society of Marine Artists, *Prince's Boatyard, Rotherhithe*, by Mr Bert Wright, was on display.

Launderers' Company

Mr David R. Browne, Master of the Launderers' Company, assisted by the Deputy Master and the Wardens, presided and presented the Company's Silver Medal for progress and excellence on the Textile Services Association Textile Rental Management Course to Mr Kevin Moughan at a dinner held last night at Launderers' Hall. The Very Rev Colin Slee, Provost of Southwark, was the principal guest and speaker. Earlier, the Provost and Rabbi Jonathan Gorsky officiated at the annual service held in Southwark Cathedral.

Thorney Island Society

Mr David Sullivan, QC, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Thorney Island Society held last night at the Basil Street Hotel. Miss June Stubbs, chairman, presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Boswell, biographer, Edinburgh, 1740; Josef Goebbels, Nazi war criminal, Rheydt, Rhineland, 1897.

DEATHS: Sir Walter Raleigh, courtier, adventurer and writer, executed, London, 1618; John Braine, novelist, London, 1986; Pietro Annigoni, painter, Florence, 1988.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League

Mr Jonathan Colchester, Director of Credit Suisse Asset Management, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the discussion circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr M. Anderson
and Miss F.G. Sandell**

The engagement is announced between Meirion, younger son of Mr and Mrs Marshall Anderson, of Dinas Powys, South Glamorgan, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr Ronald Sandell, of Bosham Hoe, West Sussex, and Mrs Mary Sandell, of London.

**Mr M.D. Bell
and Miss A.M. Littlewood**

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Bell, of Cleadon, and Annabel, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Littlewood, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

**Mr A.M.P. Chick
and Miss A.J. Taylor**

The engagement is announced between Andrew Morris Philip, son of Mr Robert Chick, of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs Neil Roberts, of Shillingford, Oxfordshire, and Amelia Jane, elder daughter of Mrs Frank Taylor, of Chelsea, SW10, and the late Dr Frank Taylor, CBE.

**Mr D.D. Grantham
and Miss N.H. Taylor**

The engagement is announced between David, son of Peter and Margaret Grantham, of Hessle, Hull, and Nicola, younger daughter of George and Helen Taylor, of North Berwick.

**Mr J.J. Lillingston-Paterson
and Miss M-J. Gibbons**

The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Paterson, of Matfield, Kent, and Mary-Jane, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Gibbons, of Battersea, and Mrs Jill Gibbons, of Pimlico, London.

**Mr I. McLoughlin
and Miss R.J. Fletcher**

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Michael McLoughlin, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Fletcher, of Weston Lullingfields, Shropshire.

**Mr J.E.R. Selby
and Miss J.C. Jeffryes**

The engagement is announced between John Edward Robertson, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Selby, of Couston Castle, Fife, and Joanna Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Jeffryes, of Paddock Wood, Kent.

Marriage

**Rear Admiral D.E. Macey
and Mrs H.E. Bothway**

The marriage took place on October 28, 1996, in Canterbury, of Rear Admiral David Macey and Mrs Rosemary Bothway, widow of Henry Bothway.

Luncheons

British Council

Sir Martin Jacomb, Chairman of the British Council, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of the Mexican Minister of Education.

Monday Luncheon Club

Dr Gary McDowell, Director of the Institute of United States Studies, London University, was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Monday Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Roland Shaw presided.

Rotary Club of London

The American Ambassador attended a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Mr Bill Cowen, president, was in the chair. Sir Sigmund Sternberg also spoke.

Church in Wales

The Venerable Anthony E. Pierce, Archdeacon of Gower and Priest-in-Charge of Swansea, St Barnabas, to be Vicar of Swansea, St Mary and Holy Trinity.

Inns of Court awards

Inner Temple

Scholarships for 1996-97

Princess Royal Scholarships: Edward Davies, Peterhouse, Cambridge; Joshua Holmes, New Coll, Oxford and Harvard Law School; Timothy Houghton, Exeter, Oxford and City Univ; Dolly Mirchandani, New Coll, Oxford and Harvard Law School; Alison Ryan, St Catharine's, Cambridge and Manchester Metropolitan Univ.

Major Scholarships: Siri Cope, Bristol Univ and City Univ; David Craig, Manchester Univ, Cambridge Univ and City Univ; Manon Davies, St Hilda's, Oxford and Glamorgan Univ; Anna Edwards, LSE; Julian Greenhill, Peterhouse, Cambridge and City Univ; Natalia Jeremiah, Gonville & Caius, Cambridge and City Univ; Cookie Liu, City Univ and London Univ; Simon Malynicz, Sydney Univ, New School for Social Research, New York, and Birkbeck Coll, London; Bridget Molyneux, LSE, King's Coll, London, and Sussex Univ; Benjamin Pilling, Lincoln, Oxford, and City Univ; James Purchas, Jesus, Cambridge, and City Univ; Lydia Seymour, Exeter, Oxford, and City Univ; Sarah Spear, St Hilda's, Oxford, and Coll of Law, York; Nick Stanage, St Andrews Univ and Univ of West of England; Sudhansu Swaroop, Magdalene, Cambridge, and Exeter, Oxford; Omar Yaqub, School of Oriental & African Studies, London.

Bursaries: Mark Afeeva, King's Coll, London; Shabaz Ahmed, Portsmouth Poly, Manchester Univ and Manchester Metropolitan Univ; Richard Anderson, Durham Univ; Sharona Attar, Manchester Metropolitan Univ and King's Coll, London; Helen Badom, South Bank Univ; Anthony Bailey, Reading Univ; Anita Bhalla, Queen Mary & Westfield Coll, London; Natalie Cohen, Nottingham Univ; Adina Ezekiel, King's Coll, London; Angela Georgiou, Sheffield Univ; Carl Gorton, King's Coll, London, and Manchester Metropolitan Univ; Stephen Halsall, King's Coll, Cambridge, and City Univ; Pippa Harper, Sheffield Univ; Robert Harrap, Univ Coll, London, and Coll of Law, London; Karen Leason, Wolverhampton Univ; Benedict Leech, Trinity Coll, Cambridge, and Coll of Law, York; Ghazan Mahmood, Brunel Univ; Piers Martin, Univ of East Anglia; Stuart McKechnie, Nottingham Univ; Martyn McLeish, Magdalen, Oxford and Coll of Law, London; Louise Metcalf, St Peter's, Oxford, and Coll of Law, York; Joanne Payne, Essex Univ and Brasenose, Oxford; Nicholas Ralph, Durham Univ; Janet Randall, Royal Holloway & Bedford New Coll, London, Newnham, Cambridge, and City Univ; Stephen Requena, LSE; Edward Roberts, Liverpool John Moores Univ; Matthew Shankland, Oxford Brookes Univ; Lisa Sullivan, Balliol Coll, Oxford; Amanda Swanwick, Manchester Coll, Oxford; Elizabeth Tyler, York Univ and De Montfort Univ.

CPE Awards: Benjamin Adamson, Gonville & Caius, Cambridge; Jody Beveridge, St Andrews Univ; Wayil Elsa, Sussex Univ; Angela Farrer, New Coll, Oxford; Peter Ferrer, Univ of Wales Coll of Cardiff; Jennifer Gardiner, St Andrews Univ; Charlotte Kilroy, Magdalen, Oxford; Henry King, Balliol, Oxford, and Inst of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales; Karim Lahham, George Washington Univ, USA, Royal Coll of Art, St Cross, Oxford, and Pembroke, Cambridge; Clare Lockhart-Mummery, New Coll, Oxford, and Harvard Univ; Jamie McDougall, Exeter, Oxford; Anya Proops, Jesus, Cambridge and LSE.

University Entrance Scholarship: Orlando Gledhill, Queens Univ, Canada and Corpus Christi, Oxford.

Accommodation Awards: Sassa-Ann Amaouche, King's Coll, London; Jeremy Colgan, Queen's Univ, Belfast; Michelle Denton, Southampton Univ; Ian Hope, Univ of Wales and City Univ; Martin McArdle, Queen's Univ, Belfast, and Manchester Metropolitan Univ; Patricia McTigue, Sussex Univ and Birmingham Univ; Mark Summers, Exeter Univ; Victoria Thomas, Reading Univ; Adele Tomlin, Warwick Univ.

Benefactors' Scholarships: John Arwill, Hertfordshire Univ: a Michael Hodge Scholarship and a Hughes-Parry Scholarship; Charles Bagot, Leicester Univ: a Cecile Yahuda Scholarship; John Cagan, King's Coll, London: a Poland Prize; Jeremy Colgan, Queens' Univ, Belfast: a Sunley Prize; Kenneth Collins, Sussex Univ: a Neville Laski Scholarship and a Geoffrey Veale Scholarship; Helen Greatorex, Edinburgh Univ and City Univ: an Ashworth Scholarship; Sandradee Joseph, Thames Valley Univ: a Leonard Woodley Scholarship and a Basil Nield Scholarship; David Kemp, Oriel, Oxford, and East London Univ: a Yarborough Anderson Scholarship; Priyanka Koul, Univ of Kent: a Peta Fordham Scholarship; Patrick Maggs, Exeter Univ and City Univ: an Otto Rix Scholarship; Ghazan Mahmood, Brunel Univ: a Jardine Studentship; Richard Nall-Cain, Hertfordshire Univ: a Profumo Scholarship; Timothy Petts, Jesus, Oxford: a Sweet and Maxwell Scholarship; Janet Randall, Royal Holloway & Bedford New Coll, London, Newnham, Cambridge, and City Univ: an Elfreda Edwards Scholarship; Alisa Williamson, Emmanuel Coll, Cambridge and City Univ: a Horace Avory Scholarship.

Disability Grant: Nigelle de Bar, St Andrew's Univ.

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Remember the theme of my gospel: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, born of David's line. For preaching this I am exposed to hardship. 2 Timothy 2 : 8,9

BIRTHS

BICKERTON - On 24th October at Warwick Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Hobson) and Richard, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, a sister for Thomas.

COGHLAN - On October 25th, to Phillipa (née Troughton) and Anthony, a son, Patrick Christopher George, a brother for Joanna, Sarah and Lucy.

COLLINS - On October 24th, to Charlotte (née Le Vay Lawrence) and Andrew, a daughter, Miranda.

COUNSELL - On October 20th at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Lisa (née Rodway) and James, a son, Gabriel John, a brother for Tom.

FLETCHER - On October 23rd, to Zoë (née Crozier-Cole) and James, a second beautiful daughter, Olivia Mary, a sister for Charlotte. Deo Gratias.

FLOYD - On October 24th in Santiago, Chile, to Leonor and Harry, a daughter, Daniela Sofia, a sister for Henry.

GATEHOUSE - On 2nd September 1996, to Fenella (née Buchanan) and Simon, another lovely son, Jake Gabriel Buchanan, a brother for Benedict, Alfie and Henry and with love forever for Florence.

HAWORTH - On October 20th, to Suzie (Dent) and Chris, a son, Oliver Jonathan Christopher, a brother to Harry and Edward.

HILL - On 22nd October 1996, to Fiona and Lewis, a daughter, Rebecca, a sister for Adam.

JACKSON - On October 25th, to Serena and Hugo, a son, Jamie.

JENNINGS - On October 24th, to Eleanor and Huw, a daughter, Olivia.

LI - On 18th October, in London, to Raquel (née Enso) and Paul, a daughter, Francesca Constance.

MALLIN - On October 24th, to Janey (née Frankland) and Chris, a son, Henry Alexander, a brother for William.

MARMION - On 21st October 1996, to Piers and Roxane, a son, Leo, a brother for Rollo and Xanthe.

MOLONEY - On October 23rd, to Isabel (née Cowie) and Eamon Philip, a son, Philip William.

PERRY BELFRAGE - To David and Eleanor, a daughter, Hebe Susannah, on her mother's birthday, Sunday 20th October.

PRESTON - On October 24th 1996, to Annabel (née Davies) and Nicholas, a son, Alexander George, a brother for Harriet.

RUSHTON - On October 23rd 1996, to Jane (née Iveson) and Mark, a daughter, Annabel Josephine Wells, a sister for Sophie.

THOMAS - On October 10th, to Sue (née Happel) and Mike, a daughter, Margaret Jane.

DEATHS

BARTTELOT - On October 26th 1996, William Frederick Geoffrey Nelson, of Stopham House, West Sussex, aged 91. Younger son of Sir Walter Balfour Barttelot, 3rd Bt. Husband of the late Jane (née Stirling) of Santiago, Chile. Lt. Col. Royal Engineers (World War II). Many years with Taylor Woodrow at home and overseas. In retirement churchwarden at Stopham. Beloved father of Richard and Lisa, grandfather of Thomas and Rose, great-grandfather of Louis, Minnie and Patience. Funeral Stopham Church at 2.30 pm on Friday November 8th. Flowers and enquiries F.A. Holland & Son, Littlehampton. Tel: (01903) 713939.

BOYD - (Alan) David, on 24th October in the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield and of Waltons Barn, Tideswell, aged 52 years. Son of the late Alan and Patricia Boyd, dearly loved husband of Siddy, loving father of Catherine and David and stepfather of Ian and Sally. Funeral Service takes place at St John the Baptist Church, Tideswell on Friday, 1st November at 12.30 pm prior to cremation at Chesterfield. Family flowers, donations if desired to Tideswell Church Restoration Fund or The Macmillan Nurses Trust Fund (North Derbyshire). Further enquiries to J.W. & J Mettam of Bakewell. Tel: (01629) 812114.

BROWNING - Louise, died peacefully at Ludshott Court Nursing Home, on October 23rd 1996. Beloved wife of the late Brig. Colin Browning and much loved mother of John, Mary and Sheila. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Bramshott at 3 pm on Friday November 1st 1996. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.E. Benevolent Fund, c/o G.M. Luff & Partners Funeral Directors, 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Hants. GU27 1JH.

BURDEN - On Friday October 18th, peacefully in Castle House Nursing Home, Keinton Mandeville, Roger, aged 83, dearly loved husband of Joy. Cremation has already taken place. Letters only from close friends and relations, please. Donations in his memory, if desired, for Kingweston Church, c/o Forsey & Son, 28 High Street, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8SY.

CHANCELLOR - Sylvia Mary. On October 26th, peacefully at home, aged 95. Funeral Service at St Faith's, Shellingford, near Faringdon, Oxfordshire on Friday, November 1st, at 12 noon.

COMPTON - On 26th October 1996 Clarice (née Kahn) aged 94, wife of the late Dr. H.E. Compton, dearly loved mother of Cicely and Barbara, grandmother of Elizabeth, David, Elinor, Hilary and Judy. Funeral 2.30 pm 29th October at Rainham Cemetery. No flowers please.

CONNORS - Audrey, died peacefully on 23rd October in St Joseph's Hospice aged 83 years and 1 day. Widow of Bernard. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on 31st October at 11.15 am. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, E8 4SA or Dressmakers Fund c/o Jackson Burrows Ward, Middlesex Hospital, W1.

CROWLEY - Peacefully in hospital on October 24th, Michael, beloved husband of Daphne and loving father of Jessica, Jeremy and Marilyn and loved grandfather. Funeral Service at St David's Church, Moreton-in-Marsh, on Friday November 1st at 11.15 am followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations if wished to Moreton-in-Marsh Hospital, c/o Allen & Son, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 0AF.

DOWDALL - Derek Francis, husband of Heather, peacefully in hospital on 25th October 1996 aged 73. Funeral 4th November 11am at Church of Christ Prince of Peace, Weybridge. Family flowers only.

FLOYD - On October 26th 1996 peacefully at home after an illness, Mary Elizabeth (née Fuller), widow of John Boyle and Charles M. Floyd and a beloved mother and grandmother. Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Broughton Gifford, on Monday November 4th at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to C.S. Bowyer Ltd. Funeral Directors, Bradford-on-Avon, tel: (01225) 863208.

GORDON DUFF - John Beauchamp on October 24th peacefully at home aged 97 years. Funeral at Lindridge Church, near Tenbury Wells, on Friday 1st November at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations to be divided between Campaign for Hunting and Friends of the Elderly. Enquiries to A.H. Caldicott & Sons, 11 Cross Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire WR15 8EF, tel: (01584) 810281.

GRAHAM - Philip Robert, on Saturday 19th October 1996, peacefully at St John and St Elizabeth's Hospice in London, deeply loved son of Wyn Graham and the late Bert Graham of Derby, and dearly loved brother of Sonia, uncle to Karen and Nigel, great-uncle to Alexander. Funeral service 11 am on Monday 4th November at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers, or if preferred donations to Thomas Macauley Ward, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Funeral Directors J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington W8 6LA, tel: (0171) 937-0757.

HAMPDEN - Leila, Viscountess Hampden died at home on Sunday 27th October 1996, aged 96. A service of Committal will be held on Wednesday, 30th October at 2.30 pm at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Kimpton, Hertfordshire for close family only. A Thanksgiving service will be held on Saturday 2nd November at 3pm at Holy Cross Church Binsted, Hampshire.

HULETT - On 25th October 1996 William Holland Hulett, aged 87, died at his home, Redwoods, Umhlali, KwaZulu, Natal, S. Africa. Beloved father, dearly loved uncle and treasured friend of many.

HUNT - Janet Marion. Peacefully at Inchmarlo House, Banchory on Sunday 27th October 1996, in her 92nd year. Much loved mother of Bobbie and Nigel and aunt to many. Private funeral.

HYDE CLARKE - On October 25th 1996 peacefully at home William George (Bill) devoted husband of the late Nina. Darling father of Tessa (Rawkins) and Gilda (Buckwell), grandfather of Michele, Nicola, Leonie, Jason, Adrian and Lisa, great-grandfather of Michael, Christopher and Benjamin. Funeral Service to be held at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday November 1st at 3 pm. Flowers please to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich by 12.30 pm.

LLOYD - Grace Gwendolen at her home in Northwood on 24th October aged 93. School teacher, at Northwood College for over 20 years, devoted widow of John Trevor and mother of Trevor Owen (Toronto) and Hugh Ieuan (Barcelona). Member of Hammersmith Welsh Presbyterian Church, now united with Ealing Green Church. Service at Breakspear Crematorium 12.45 pm Friday 1st November.

LOCKHART - On 25th October, May, wife of Bert, mother of Tony, grandmother of Emma and Victoria. Funeral in Wolverhampton at 3.30 pm Friday 1st November.

MACLEOD-CLARKE - Mary October 24th. Fell asleep for the last time and passed on with dignity. Adored mother of Timothy and Suzy. Grandmother of Julia and Samantha. Great-granny to Mhairi, Alexandra, Jennifer and Jack. Cremation at Portchester noon on November 4th. Flowers to Thomas Pink & Son, Bishops Waltham, (01489) 892640.

McINTOSH - James Walter Patrick Ban, peacefully at home on 27th October 1996. Much loved brother of Jean, beloved uncle of Sarah and Simon, he put up a very good fight for life. Funeral Service at Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton on Tuesday 5th November at 2.45 pm. Flowers or enquiries to Hanningtons F/D, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove. Tel: (01273) 778733.

MORTLOCK - Kenneth Lenowe on October 25th in Dartmouth. Beloved husband of Barbara, loving father of Patrick and proud grandfather of Linus. Funeral arrangement enquiries tel: (01803) 832121.

NEWMAN - Group Captain John Francis, D.S.O., D.F.C., at home on October 25th 1996. Beloved husband of Diana, much loved father of Christopher and Elizabeth and dear father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial Service at St Nicholas, Salthouse, Norfolk, Saturday November 9th 11.30 am. Donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund or Salthouse PCC c/o Lloyd Durham, 11a Avenue Road, High Kelling, Holt, Norfolk NR25 6RD.

NOBLE - On 24th October 1996 in hospital at Brighton, Andrew Musgrave Noble aged 88, beloved and cherished husband of Pamela, loving father of Ross and Malcolm. Funeral at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, on Friday 1st November at 11.15 am. Family flowers only to J. Wagstaff Ltd., 227 South Coast Road, Peacehaven, E. Sussex. Donations if desired to Help the Aged, 29a High Street, Newhaven, E. Sussex.

PAGE - Douglas George peacefully at home after a long illness endured with much courage and fortitude, beloved husband of Diana, much loved father of Nicholas and Lizanne and grandfather of Olivia and Charlotte. Funeral Service to be held at 12 noon on Monday November 4th at St James', Shere. Family flowers only and donations, if wished, for the St Helier Association for Kidney Patients c/o Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, RH4 2ES.

PITKEATHLY - Rev'd David - on 25th October 1996 peacefully after a brave fight against cancer. Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

RAIT - Elizabeth Anne on 26th October 1996, peacefully at home. Service at Funtington Church on Wednesday 30th October at 3.45 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester.

RIGBY - Patricia Ann, peacefully in her sleep on October 24th, aged 66 years. Beloved wife of Roger and mother of Melissa and Tanya. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Alzheimers Society. Memorial Service to be arranged.

ROSE - On October 25th 1996 after a short illness at his London home, Barry aged 56 years. Proprietor of Galeria 1900, re-united with his beloved Nicolas, partner of 26 years. Funeral Service at West London Crematorium on Thursday October 31st 2.15pm. No flowers at his request but donations to "Mrs E. Kekkou for David and Arinder" c/o J.H. Kenyon, Funeral Directors, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA, tel: (0171 937 0757). "When we lose one we love, our bitterest tears are called forth by the memory of hours when we loved not enough".

ROULEDGE - Doris May died peacefully at home on 17th October. Widow of Ernest William one time Master of Plateworkers alias Wireworkers Livery Company. Funeral Holy Trinity, Sunningdale Thursday 7th November 11am. No flowers, but donations if desired to charity of own choice.

RUDKINS - Lilian, aged 94, on Thursday 24th October 1996, peacefully in Highwood Hospital, Brentwood, after a fall and short illness. Loved widow of Fred and mother of Grahame and Mervyn, daughters-in-law, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Shenfield at 2 pm on Thursday 31st October followed by cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium for close family. Family flowers only - any donations c/o T. Pennack and Sons, Funeral Directors, 1-3 Maldon Road, Gt. Baddow, Chelmsford CM2 7DW to be put towards refurbishment of the sanctuary at St Mary's, Shenfield.

SANDERCOCK - On October 25th Michael John Gale peacefully at Kestrel Grove N/H. Beloved husband of the late Helen (Pom), loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium (East Chapel), Ruislip, on November 4th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o T.A. Ellement & Son, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 3HR.

SCARROTT - Suddenly on October 26th, Gordon George Scarrott F.Eng., aged 80, of Welwyn Garden City, dearly loved husband of Joan and father of Diana.

SEDGWICK - On 25th October 1996 peacefully in hospital Stanley Sedgwick aged 82 of Cobham. Beloved husband of 'Con'. Father of Carol, grandfather of Amanda and Nicholas and great-grandfather of Alexander. Funeral Service to be held at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Monday November 4th at 10 am. Flowers to James & Thomas Ltd. F/D, Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3AL. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

SILVERSIDE - Johnnie of Teddington died at home on 17th October 1996 aged 78. Deeply missed by family and friends.

SMITH - R.B. - Electrical Engineer, a man who brought new projects to the United Kingdom. Remembered by his son (an engineer) and the whole family. Funeral Service on 1st November at Gloucester Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to S C & B S Cocks, Funeral Directors - Tel: (01452) 617892.

TAYLOR - David George of Evesham, Worcs. Peacefully on October 25th 1996, aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Lillie, father of Richard and Malcolm. Enquiries tel: (01386) 765133.

THOMPSON - Patrick Lt Cdr RN. BRNC 1960. 23rd October. Cremation Edinburgh 2.45 pm 1st November (Leith FS 0131 554 1113). Memorial St Anne's HMNB Portsmouth, 11.30 am Thursday 21st November.

TUCKER - In loving memory of Ian, son of Alan and Liz, brother of Bob, James and George, boyfriend of Emma, who died tragically whilst playing his beloved rugby for Oxford University. Donations in lieu of flowers to Richard Langhorn Trust c/o Harlequin Football Club, Craneford Way, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7SQ.

WHITEMORE - Kathleen Alma, known to everyone as Jo, died peacefully on October 27th at Meadbank Nursing Home, where she had lived contentedly for almost 3 years. Widow of Sam, mother of Hugh, and grandmother of Tom. Loved and cherished by all who knew her.

YARNELL - Timothy John Dellor died suddenly but peacefully on Sunday 27th October aged 59. Much loved husband of Victoria, father of Natasha, Nicholas and Stella and grandfather of Nicky. He will be sorely missed by all his family and friends.

YOUNGER - Dorothea Elizabeth (Betty) on 26th October adored wife of Ossie and much beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother in her 86th year peacefully after a long illness. Funeral Service at Crichton Royal Church Dumfries on Friday 1st November at 2 pm and thereafter to Carlisle Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o John Pagan & Sons, (Funeral Directors) 104 Annan Road, Dumfries.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DEHN - Bruce, Clark Emeritus, Distillers Livery Company and Clerk to Cripplegate Ward. Memorial Service 12 noon Friday 22nd November St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall and after at Vintners Hall, Upper Thames Street, London. Those wishing to attend please notify Mr. C. Hughes. (0171) 405-7091.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

TUCKER - A Service of Thanksgiving for Ian will be held at Keble College Chapel Oxford at 11 am on Thursday October 31st 1996.

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OBITUARIES

DEREK TANGYE

Derek Tangye, author, died at his home in Cornwall on October 26 aged 84. He was born on February 29, 1912.

It was with total astonishment that the friends and colleagues of Derek Tangye learnt that he was intending to abandon the life of a Fleet Street gossip columnist for a sojourn in a broken-down cottage in far-off Cornwall. The year was 1949. Tangye was enjoying a highly successful career writing for national newspapers ranging from the *Daily Express* through the *Daily Mail* to the *Daily Mirror*.

He and his wife Jeannie were one of the most glamorous couples in London. When she walked down the staircase at the Savoy, the orchestra broke into the strains of the popular song *Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair*. Danny Kaye, Noël Coward, Tyrone Power, Bing Crosby and A. P. Herbert were among her friends. There was something approaching anguish in the ranks of her admirers when they heard that she and her husband were proposing to immure themselves in the hard-favoured, wind-blasted county on the far side of the River Tamar.

The contrast with the life to which they were used could hardly have been more stark. Rural England had not yet been turned into one continuous theme park, picked out by monotonous brown signposts adorned by explanatory hieroglyphs. Cornwall was not then, as it has since become, a county of retirement bungalows, golf, watersports, birdwatching safaris, shark fishing cruises, tours of stately homes and international surfing championships.

The crossing of the Tamar on Isambard Kingdom Brunel's famous tubular steel Royal Albert Bridge transported the traveller from the certainties of civilisation into a land of reluctant soil, miserly, lichen-clad trees, perpetual mists and cottages without electric lighting or sanitation. The Tangyes were to exchange a round of theatres, nightclubs, restaurants and ballrooms for a derelict cowman's house on the edge of a beetling cliff looking out onto the Atlantic ocean hundreds of feet below.

It was a decision neither regretted. Tangye and his wife found spiritual calm in the rhythms of the rural tasks they set themselves, the growing of potatoes and daffodils. And the series of books he wrote about this transformation and the idyll they found at the end of it, made him, if not rich, then quite comfortably off; he was always an author with a consistent and loyal following. The titles tell their own tale: *A Gull on the Roof, A Cat in the Window, A Drake at the Door, A Donkey in the Meadow*, all convey the atmosphere of quiet contentment the Tangyes were to experience in their new home.

These were not the only books Tangye wrote. He had in fact published several volumes on historical and kindred topics during the war years. But it is for the story of his Cornish adventure that he is best remembered.

Apart from the material rewards his books brought him, Tangye had the satisfactions of knowing that they gave much pleasure and a certain easy envy to the thousands who read them. Many of those readers were moved to visit the Tangyes' cottage, Dorminack, high above Lamorna Cove, and walk along the dramatic cliffs of this western extremity of Cornwall, which breast the uncontrollable rage of winter storms like a granite bulwark.

Derek Alan Trevithick Tangye was born in London — although, as the last of his given names indicates, his forebears were Cornish. His father had practised as a lawyer in the Duchy.

Tangye went to Harrow which endowed him with social assets but little in the way of marketable attainments. He got a different kind of education first as a clerk in the City and then in Fleet Street, where he worked as a reporter and gossip writer for various newspapers. During the war he was employed on special, but mainly sedentary, duties at the War Office.

He first tried his hand at writing during this period but his early books — *Time was Mine* (1941), *Went the Day Well* (1942) and *One King* (1944) were, though workmanlike, unremarkable. It was not until more than ten years after his arrival in Cornwall, by which time he had been able thoroughly to digest the experience, that *Gull on the Roof* (1961), the first of his country books, was published. A lighthearted, uncomplicated account of the transition from town to country, it was an immediate success.

It was quickly followed by others in the same vein, dealing with the various animals and birds which became part of their lives, particularly cats for which they both shared a special affection.

Jeannie, whom he married in 1943, played a very large part in the events which he described. She, too, had been a journalist, writing an agony column on the *Daily Mirror* under the pseudonym of Dorothy Dix. Later she joined the press office at the Savoy and went on to become head of public relations at the hotel.

She died in 1986 and so did not live to see the very recent resurgence in interest in her husband's work, with the reissue of paperback volumes and plans to serialise his work on television. He himself died at Dorminack where he had spent the most fulfilling years of his life.

The couple had no children.

JACK TINKER

Jack Tinker, theatre critic of the *Daily Mail*, died yesterday apparently of a heart attack aged 58. He was born on February 15, 1938.

IN THE 1970s the gossip column of the weekly magazine *What's On* invariably prefaced its references to Jack Tinker with the phrase "small but perfectly formed" and it may have been his lack of height that spurred him on to become the centre of delighted attention in almost any gathering. For many years he was a favoured guest at Andrew Lloyd Webber's home at Sydenham, where at some time over the weekend he would be prevailed upon to present a hilariously witty cabaret act before his fellow guests.

He was particularly fond of absurd coincidences, and his account of these, in the process of telling, seemed to gather festoons of other coincidences along with them until no explanation could be conceived that would account for them in a rational world. He would protest that what he had said was true, and generally it was.

He was one of the very few critics who regularly performed in public, not just as a compere, which is how he began this side of his career, but as an artiste. One of his most celebrated exploits occurred at the party celebrating the retirement of a senior executive of the *Daily Mail*. There had been some talk of the Goebbels diaries at the time, and at the height of the party Jack appeared dressed as Goebbels (his lack of height was a help here) with two stalwarts in bullyboy Nazi uniform behind him.

He proceeded to advance upon the astounded executive and slap at him with his riding crop for bringing his name into disrepute. His editor, trying to restrain his smiles, declared this demonstration to be the ripest example of bad taste he had ever come across.

Tinker enjoyed sumptuous clothes, which he wore easily and without peacocking in them. Bold checked suits, long overcoats in black leather — one of the enjoyments of a First Night was the prospect of Jack in some new garb that most middle-aged critics would blanch at wearing, or would wear with every sign of embarrassment. Jack was embarrassed by nothing — sometimes taken aback, perhaps, but then he would cap the remark with one, much more extraordinary, of his own.

Jack Samuel Tinker was educated at Hulme Grammar School for Boys, Oldham, but went south to begin his journalistic career, starting as a trainee on *The Surrey Advertiser* in 1957. After three years there he went to the *Evening Argus* at Brighton, eventually becoming theatre critic. After a year on the diary at the now defunct *Daily Sketch*, in 1971 he went to the *Daily Mail* to begin his distinguished career as a showbusiness and theatre critic.

He soon made himself into a highly visible figure on the theatre circuit. Before heading off to the West End of an evening he was generally to be found at the bar in Kensington which is opposite the *Mail's* offices, holding court to a circle of colleagues whom he would regale with funny stories and champagne, his favourite tipple. He was king of the anecdote and was known to be able to make his audiences literally weep with laughter.

A highly strung individual, he could be morose at times. But when he was in good spirits he was, as a raconteur, simply incomparable. One of his much-appreciated gestures among his colleagues was the Friday night sortie to the Savoy, where he would entertain the entire *Mail* showbusiness department to yet more champagne.

His acquaintanceships in showbusiness and society were legion: he was a walker for Princess Margaret and a close friend of Michael Barrymore. He tended to be taken for the ballet dancer Wayne Sleep, both men being trimly diminutive.

His sense of humour — camp, impish and accompanied by a wide grin — was renowned. But in a profession not known for its sentimental spirits, Tinker also stood out as a critic who emoted almost as visibly as the performers he was reviewing. Tender scenes of love or tragedy moved him to tears, and his great talent was an ability to carry that directness of response straight into his writing. He was shrewd and intelligent, but for him theatre was primarily a strong emotional experience. He often wrote about how moved, touched or (much rarer) outraged he had been by a production.

More an aficionado of performance than of new plays, he loved big, brave acting. Scofield, Redgrave and Atkins in *John Gabriel Borkman* at the National characteristically left him "fighting back tears" and declaring himself emotionally "defeated", his "resistance breached" by a play he had not previously thought he admired.

Because of the colour, clarity and humour of his style, his reviews were given greater prominence in the *Mail* than any middle-market theatre critic had achieved, at least since the days of Bernard Levin. He was capable of ambling coolly out of the theatre and creating a considered review in an astonishingly short time: it was noticeable that a recent competitor on the *Express* was reduced to going to previews in order to keep up with him — and still produced less lively reviews.

He was a warm, generous critic, as well as a naturally kind man, and clearly enjoyed celebrating success more than mocking failure. Witness his review of Sondheim's recent musical, *Passion*. Tinker clearly thought the work ridiculous, but he softpedalled his objections to the musical's "strange and perverse quality", preferring to say that it allowed Maria Friendman to prove herself "not only among the finest singers on the London musical stage, but its greatest actress". If he had a fault it was to go over the top in his enthusiasms. But the London theatre had fewer more persuasive or unflaggingly enthusiastic champions. He was critic of the year in 1982, 1989 and 1991 and was also the recipient of the De Courcy Critics Circle Award of 1991.

He wrote two books, *The Television Barons* (1980) and *Coronation Street — 25 Years* (1985) as well as several entertainments for the stage. *Merman — The Lady and her Songs*, was put on at the Donmar Theatre in 1985 and was seen at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, in 1989. *In Praise of Rattigan* (written with Martin Tickner) was done at Chichester and at the Princess Grace Theatre, Monte Carlo.

He married in 1961 Mavis Ann Page. The marriage was dissolved in 1969 and he is survived by two daughters; a third daughter predeceased him.

LADY CHANCELLOR

Sylvia and Christopher Chancellor on their wedding day in Somerset in 1926

Lady Chancellor, OBE, founder of the Prisoners' Wives Service, died on October 26 aged 95. She was born on July 1, 1901

SYLVIA CHANCELLOR was one of the wittiest and most entertaining women of her generation. In the company of her sister Pamela Glenconner — her much loved second sister Angela died relatively young — she could reduce the most pompous and self-confident to tears. She was also the last of a generation who combined extraordinary frivolity with an innate sense of public duty. Until well into her nineties, she delighted her 16 grandchildren, hammering the piano and singing Edwardian music-hall songs.

As a child, Sylvia was reduced to driving round Somerset in a pony cart, begging food to feed her hungry brothers and sisters. This was not because of poverty — they lived at Cranmore, a vast country house that now accommodates a boys' preparatory school — but because of the wild irresponsibility of her parents.

Her father, Sir Richard Paget, was an eccentric inventor, but not a practical provider. He spent his time at Oxford training his dog to say "Lola, I love you!"; he designed motor cars at the turn of the century that look like production models of the 1950s, invented a fireproof glass, and attached wireless transmitters to seals in the First World War to send back information on German U-Boats. At Cranmore he built a bird's nest at one point and lived in it for several weeks.

Her mother, Lady Muriel, was often in Eastern Europe, rescuing English governesses from revolution and enchanting President Tomáš Masaryk. At Roedean Sylvia and her sister were used to their names appearing in red on the notice-board, their school fees unpaid.

Sylvia loyally assisted her father in his experiments — one involved quite a serious fall jumping off a fast-moving bus to prove that if you leaned forward you would land on your feet — and trailed round Canada with him demonstrating his artificial voice-box. He also taught her to hum one tune, whistle another and tap out a third on her cheek — all at the same time.

She went to Newnham College, Cambridge, where she read English, and, soon after she had graduated to become a teacher at Down House, met her future husband Christopher Chancellor. He was slightly younger than she was, and they married in the face of disapproval from both their families.

He joined Reuters, working his way up to become Far-Eastern manager, when they moved to Shanghai. There she dominated the English colony described in J. G. Ballard's *Empire of the Sun*, directing a much-praised production of *The Beggar's Opera*. When the Japanese arrived in her garden, she successfully ordered them off the grass. Later they arrested her on the Trans-Siberian Railway and put her in prison in Korea, where she demanded and got a daily copy of *The Times*. When brought to Tokyo to be told she was free, she insisted on them paying her fare back to Shanghai.

In England, with her house at Dane End in Hertfordshire full of evacuated children, her target-practice with her husband's revolver terrified the neighbours, who said they would prefer a German invasion, and the house caught fire so often that she greeted the local brigade with a cry of "Gentlemen, to your accustomed places!" Throughout the war she worked at the Czech Institute — she later persuaded John Gielgud and others to take part in her Dvořák centenary celebrations — and when their first floor flat opposite St Paul's was bombed, she continued to use it, climbing a ladder through the gutted ground floor beneath.

With the coming of the Labour Government and her husband now general manager of Reuters, she drilled her children to sing part-songs for a wide variety of guests, including the Emperor of Japan, Clement Attlee, Kwame Nkrumah and the young Rupert Murdoch; but her enthusiasm for the duties of a corporate wife was limited. She was an inspired gardener — her husband's regular response on returning home was: "What fresh insanity is this?" — and grew vegetables commercially, driving them to a shop in Ware and to two shops she opened in Crouch End.

Her most serious achievement was founding the Prisoners' Wives Service after seeing the distress of her cleaner in London, whose husband had been arrested at four in the morning and who at that time had no official means of getting help. With inspired energy and irresistibly charming bossiness she enlisted the help of Roy Jenkins and Lord Mountbatten and was appointed OBE in 1976 for her work.

She continued to be dazzling and eccentric. At Hunstrete House, near Bath, she kept a pet white goat whose hooves clicked on the marble floor. Never completely happy at rest, she bought the Priory at Dichleat, which she began renovating when she and her husband were both approaching 80, entirely redecorating it and making a new garden. "When we get *really* geriatric," she said, "we're going to live in New York." Her last days were in fact spent, very happily, in a little cottage in Shellingford where she continued to entertain and delight everyone in the village.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters.

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The Countess of Warwick, a celebrated society beauty, was converted to socialism by Robert Blatchford, editor of the Clarion. *In the general election of 1923 she stood as a Labour candidate; her Conservative opponent was Captain Anthony Eden, the future Prime Minister, who was brother-in-law to Lady Warwick's eldest son.*

LADY WARWICK ADOPTED.

HER PLACE IN THE LABOUR PARTY.

Candidates: (Captain Anthony Eden (C)
(Mr George Nicholls (Lib)
(Lady Warwick (Lab)

WARWICK Oct 27

Lady Warwick was adopted as Labour candidate for Warwick and Leamington at a meeting of Labour delegates of the division held here today.

The coming of Lady Warwick to Warwick as a Socialist candidate for Parliament is undoubtedly a singular event in political and social history. Warwick Castle, where Lady Warwick reigned for years as Châtelaine, is a monument of feudalism. Under the shadow of its walls, kings have been made and unmade. And yet the people of Warwick took but little interest in the proceedings of to-day. The Courthouse where the meeting was held is in the principal street of the town. Numbers of young men and women passed through the street this Saturday afternoon close on the hour of meeting, but they did not stop at the Courthouse, for they were on their way to a football match. The arrival of Lady Warwick as she drove up in a motor car was witnessed only by a few stragglers and no cheer was raised.

This apparent public indifference may be due to the secrecy in which the movements of Lady Warwick were shrouded by those who, locally, have the conduct of her affairs. They acted as if they desired that no one should know that Lady Warwick is a candidate. They seemed also to see in her not the "comrade" but the "countess". They spoke of her in hushed tones as "her ladyship". Lady Warwick herself had a truer perception of the right course to follow. She was most accessible and all affability. The delegates, numbering two hundred men and women, were impressed by her gracious manners and her earnestness and enthusiasm. They rapturously endorsed her candidature. Should Lady Warwick win she will owe her success largely to her personality.

In her address to the delegates, Lady Warwick was very frank. She pleaded two disabilities. "I am practically an old woman," she said, "and with two young candidates in the field against me, where do I come in?" "At the top of the poll," a voice replied. The second disability was that she was not living at the Castle. "We are very poor," she said, and referring to the long illness of Lord Warwick, gave it as the reason why she has not taken that active part in public life which she had desired. "I have not been amongst you of late years," she continued, "and the young and thoughtless woman who lived at Warwick Castle in the old days is no more."

The Castle, by the way, stands neutral in the contest. It is not true, as some newspapers have said, that the Conservative candidate, Captain Anthony Eden, will conduct his campaign from there. He is staying at an hotel at Leamington, and Lady Warwick has taken a furnished house in the town as her headquarters.

As a candidate Lady Warwick proclaims the full official programme of the Labour Party, with special emphasis on housing and education. "Working people live in bad houses and their children receive a half-baked educaton," she said. If elected she will probably take her place with the extreme left of the Labour Party. Asked at the delegate meeting whether she would support the recognition of a Soviet government she replied, "Most certainly". She is also in favour of the admission of Communists into the Labour Party. "We must all work for the things that are within reach," she said. "They are stepping stones to the larger Communism which is bound to come."

As Mr George Nicholls, originally an agricultural labourer and formerly MP for North Northants, was adopted to-day as Liberal candidate, the fight is going to be a three-cornered one.

Chancellor gets call to raise VAT threshold

By Brian Collett

THE value-added tax threshold should be raised from £47,000 to £75,000 or £100,000 to stimulate small businesses and take many companies out of VAT altogether. This proposal has been put forward by the UK 200 Group, the chartered accountants' body, whose members act for 135,000 small businesses.

Another helpful move, says the group, would be to exempt small businesses from preparing P11Ds, which list benefits in kind, for controlling directors, leaving individuals to declare benefits on tax returns. The group says that P11Ds are a "cumbersome burden".

These suggestions were in a package sent by the group to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to consider for his November Budget.

Tax self-assessment, says the group, is far from straightforward — many taxpayers will therefore need professional services, the cost of which should be tax-deductible.

Costs involved in running a business and working from home should also be tax-deductible, it says. The submission adds that home working helps an employer by cutting the expense of accommodation and complying with health and safety law, and it offers employees flexibility and a saving in travelling time and costs.

David Turnbull, the group's chief executive, said: "Small and medium-sized enterprises are playing a key role in Britain's strong recovery and look to the Chancellor to correct some of the unnecessary and unfair anomalies."

Vintage life with a kick at a vineyard in Kent

Everything grown is sold. Even a local supermarket sells the Gibsons' wine, says **Mark Andrews**

BILL GRAHAM

John and Elizabeth Gibson think UK wine is as good as anywhere

John Gibson and his wife, Elizabeth, run one of England's 430 commercial vineyards — six acres at Bearsted village on the outskirts of Maidstone in Kent. Four acres are under cultivation, producing a variety of red and white grapes, which by the end of the year will give them 8,000 bottles of wine and a modest living.

Mr Gibson says: "We are not making a fortune. It's just marginally viable. It's difficult to do things well on a small scale."

In the rich Kent soil that once played host to apple, pear and cherry trees, he is growing Leon Millot and Triomphe grapes for red wine; and four different varieties of white: Faberrebe, Kerner, and Bacchus from Germany and a Seyval Blanc from France.

Mr Gibson, 62, is a chemist by profession and lectured at London University, retiring from full-time teaching more than six years ago. He had some experience of growing grapes and making wine while helping a friend.

When he retired from the university the Gibsons bought a house with an orchard in Bearsted, grubbed out the trees and planted vines. Their first harvest was eight years ago and sales have been on a rising curve. They sell everything they produce — even a local supermarket sells the wine.

Unlike most vineyards, the one owned by the Gibsons has its own winery, including a crushing plant. That is a great advantage, Mr Gibson says, because it means he can decide when to pick, as opposed to the crusher owner ringing up and demanding the crop at short notice. He says: "We pick about a ton of grapes a day and they're in by lunchtime. We will have a picnic lunch then I start crushing. English wine is no longer a joke or a curiosity. It is the equal of wine from anywhere. People visiting friends on the Continent take a bottle of our wine to show exactly what we can do." The Gibsons also sell at the gate. The majority of customers are Dutch and Belgian tourists.

Mr Gibson says: "When the children left home we needed a new direction, something that would bind us together. This is it. We are happy to continue ticking over as long as we make good wine and enjoy ourselves. We get a kick out of doing something well. We have won several trophies."

There is acute competition selling wine in England — customers have access to the best of the world's vineyards. Mr Gibson says: "How they ship Australian wine halfway round the world and still offer it at the price they do beggars belief. But I'll not say the same thing about France. At £5.50 ours is a bargain. We have made good wine every year since 1989 and this year should be good."

Their family is not interested in taking over the vineyard when they decide to give it up. Mr Gibson says: "We would hope to sell to an enthusiast. There are plenty of people who would gladly take early retirement and do what we did. We were just a few years ahead of them.

"It will be great fun for someone else. You know, we sit here at breakfast looking out of the window, down row upon row of vines. That's romance, that's pleasure, that's living. But we have got to convince the English that the wine we produce in this country is as good as anywhere."

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A winning yarn on how to export in style from Wales

By Iola Smith

EXPORT growth is the key to the continued expansion of the rural Welsh economy, according to David Rowe-Beddoe, chairman of the Development Board for Rural Wales. During the past three years a £150,000 export award scheme run by the Mid Wales Export Association has enabled 40 small businesses to sell their products overseas.

This financial year, £50,000 is being offered to cover the costs of market research, sales promotion, translating literature and leasing premises. One of the 1995 winners was Colinette Yarns of Powys. The award enabled the firm to export its hand-dyed wools, cotton and silks to Spain and Scandinavia. This family-owned business, run by husband and wife team Jeff and Colinette Sainsbury, began life on a Covent Garden market stall in the early 1980s.

In 1988 the couple moved from Surrey to Wales. They needed space to develop their business. Over the subsequent eight years the firm has grown to become one of Europe's leading hand-dying businesses. And from their workshop at Llanfair Caereinion, where they employ 15 people, they now export 80 per cent of their products overseas.

Mr Sainsbury, a former artist, said: "Our speciality is multi-coloured yarns whose strands change colour, say from red to blue to yellow." He adapts the oil painting technique of laying one colour on top of another to obtain the different shades. In the late 1980s the company began exporting to Germany and the United States. Then it turned its attention to Spain and used its export award to produce a brochure in Spanish.

Garments were then knitted to illustrate how the multi-coloured yarns could be used to the best effect, and they were presented at a fashion show in Barcelona. A Spanish distributor was appointed and the yarns now sell in Spain.

A video of the show was seen by some Icelanders. Later, in Iceland a Danish distributor saw the products. He expressed an interest in them, so Colinette Yarns entered the Danish market as well. This year Denmark is the firm's third most successful market after Germany and America.

The Mid Wales Export Association hopes more small businesses will follow Colinette Yarns' example. Firms considering entering the current award round can attend a series of briefings across the region beginning this week.

Rowe-Beddoe: exports the key

"I started out as an entrepreneur and now I'm a martyr to paperwork!"

BRIEFINGS

Alex Watts, a 25-year-old Edinburgh entrepreneur, has been named Scotland's business growth champion. The competition, involving 16 finalists in the Livewire competition for young entrepreneurs starting a business, carried a prize of £1,000. Mr Watts runs the Restaurant Marketing Association in Scotland, which has more than 350 members.

☐ Business Link Surrey is running a seminar on exporting to the Benelux countries at the Forte Post House, Guildford, tomorrow. The cost is £47. Tel: 0345 494949.

☐ Holder Swan, public relations consultants, are relaunching their PR seminars for small businesses. The one-day session costs £75 plus VAT. Tel: 0181-579 4701.

☐ Cashflow is occupying so much time in businesses with up to ten employees that profitability is being neglected, research from Lloyds Bank finds. John Spence, Lloyds TSB managing director, said: "Small businesses are not out of the recession yet. They are forced to chase cash and continually revise their cash position. This is time-consuming and can mean taking your eye off the underlying health and profitability of the business."

☐ Running a business is a woman's way of achieving independence and self-reliance, research from Barclays Bank has found. Two thirds of women said they valued their independence too highly to stop work, compared with only 39 per cent of men. David Lavarack, Barclays' small business services director, said: "The proportion of women starting up in business is on the increase, making female entrepreneurs a growing force in Britain's small business sector."

☐ European Union countries are creating new businesses faster than even enterprising Japan, says the fourth annual report of the European Observatory, a body that monitors small and medium-sized companies. Early-stage failures are also fewer than in the United States. However, the report points out that job creation is not as great as export and productivity growth.

☐ The new UK Benchmarking Index, designed specially for small firms, enables them to compare their performance in key functions with others in their sector and region, and decide priorities. The computer-based system, which uses a series of questions, is operating at 30 Business Links. Firms can benchmark regularly to assess their competitiveness.

☐ Fifty Hertfordshire owners of smaller businesses, on a two-day fact-finding visit to Brussels, visited the European Parliament and Commission, sorting out export problems and locating sources of grants.

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Ordering production of material

Regina v Guildford Crown Court, Ex parte Director of Public Prosecutions

Regina v Southwark Crown Court, Ex parte Bowles

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Gage

[Judgment October 17]

Where an order for the production of material was sought, the use of section 93H of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, as inserted, was appropriate to determine, in respect of criminal offending, whether someone had benefited from it and/or the whereabouts of the proceeds: the use of section 9 of, and Schedule 1 to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 was appropriate where the production of the material was for criminal investigation purposes to determine whether an offence had been committed and if so to provide evidence of that offence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing two applications for judicial review.

In the first, the Director of Public Prosecutions challenged the refusal on April 11, 1996 of Judge Bull, QC, at Guildford Crown Court to grant an order under section 93H of the 1988 Act, as inserted by section 11 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 1995, for the production of details of bank accounts in which the proceeds of prostitution were held.

In the second, Karen Bowles, a certified accountant, sought judicial review of the order on March 29, 1996 of Judge Jackson at Southwark Crown Court under section 93H requiring her to produce all business records of two clients facing charges of dishonesty.

Section 93H of the 1988 Act, as inserted, provides:

"(1) A constable may, for the purposes of an investigation into whether any person has benefited from any criminal conduct or into the extent or whereabouts of the proceeds of any criminal conduct, apply to a circuit judge for an order ... [for the production subject to conditions of] particular material...

"(4) The conditions referred to ... are — (a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a specified person has benefited from any criminal conduct..."

Section 9 of the 1984 Act provides:

"(1) A constable may obtain access to excluded material ... for the purposes of a criminal investigation by making an application under Schedule 1..."

Schedule 1 provides:

"[If a circuit judge is satisfied that] ... (a) there are reasonable grounds for believing (i) that a serious arrestable offence has been committed; (ii) that there is material ... on the premises...; (iii) that the material is likely to be of substantial value ... to the investigation in connection with which the application is made; ... (b) other methods of obtaining the material ... (ii) have not been tried because it appeared that they were bound to fail ... [he may order that the material be produced]."

Mr Andrew Mitchell for the DPP; Mr Robin Johnson for Ms Bowles.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that at the heart of the argument in both cases lay a comparison between the section 93H power in the 1988 Act and the power to make similar orders under section 9 of the 1984 Act. The difficulty in the case consisted of determining the precise interrelationship between them.

The differences between the two were, inter alia, that applications under section 93H could be made ex parte while those under section 9 had to be made inter partes: that the section 9 power arose only when there existed "reasonable grounds for believing" that an offence had been committed whereas the section 93H power involved a lower threshold test of "reasonable grounds for suspecting" that someone had benefited from criminal conduct.

Section 9, while the more limited of the two, did not apply in circumstances where on its true construction section 93H did.

Mr Mitchell's essential submission was that wherever anyone was reasonably suspected of an acquisition offence, a crime of gain, section 93H had effectively superseded section 9.

Mr Johnson's argument was that section 93H was directed solely towards assisting in the recovery of the proceeds of criminal conduct: it had no application to the investigation of the crime as such.

In his Lordship's view, Parliament could not have been intending in that way to bring about what would be to all intents and purposes the substantial repeal of section 9.

It would be wrong therefore to construe the words in section 93H(1) "an investigation into whether any person had benefited from any criminal conduct" as if they were synonymous with "an investigation into whether any conduct from which a person has benefited was criminal", effectively the construction for which Mr Mitchell contended.

At that point, however, the real difficulty in the case arose: how to determine what properly was an investigation into the proceeds of criminal conduct within the scope of section 93H and what could still only be investigated, if at all, under the more stringent controls applying to section 9.

In deciding under which section an application ought to be made, the question to be asked was what was the dominant purpose of the application: was it for criminal investigation purposes, to determine whether an offence had been committed and, if so, to provide evidence of that offence or was it to determine, in respect of criminal offending, although not necessarily a specific offence which the prosecution already had reasonable grounds for believing, rather than merely suspecting, had been committed, whether and if so to what extent someone had benefited from it or the whereabouts of the proceeds.

With those considerations in mind his Lordship considered the the two matters before him.

In the Guildford case the court had refused the application because, inter alia, there were other avenues open to the prosecution and the court did not consider that it had the power to make the order unless other matters had been tried first.

In that, his Lordship said, it was wrong, although it would have been entitled to reject the application as a matter of discretion on the basis that it was not in the public interest to use section 93H because another power was more appropriate.

In those circumstances it was plain that the police were seeking production of the bank's documents predominantly to determine the extent to which the accused had benefited from their offending and the whereabouts of their gains.

In the Southwark case it was less clear that the predominant reason the police sought the documents was essentially with a view to their obtaining present restraint orders rather than further investigation of Ms Bowles' clients' alleged criminality.

His Lordship doubted that the correct question had been asked either by the court or the police and in those cirsumstances it seemed necessary to quash the production order until a final decision had been made as to which was the appropriate statutory power to be used.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Guildford; Wainwright & Cummins.

Evidential threshold for planning objection costs

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Wakefield Metropolitan Borough Council

Before Mr Justice Jowitt

[Judgment October 16]

In the context of a planning inspector deciding whether to make an order for costs against a planning authority which had raised an objection to a planning application, there was an evidential threshold which, if reached, was likely to put a planning authority beyond the risk of a finding that it had been guilty of unreasonable conduct.

A sufficient evidential basis was reached with evidence not lacking in real substance which was capable of belief and if accepted capable of making good the objections. There might not be only one test of unreasonable conduct in respect of raising a planning objection and the evidential threshold.

A planning inspector was not required to give reasons, if he did not follow them, for distinguishing other costs decisions brought to his attention unless some real point or principle was involved.

Mr Justice Jowitt so stated in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application for judicial review by Wakefield Metropolitan Borough Council to quash an order for costs made against it by the planning inspector of the Secretary of State for the Environment who dismissed an appeal, by a firm called Cobex Ltd against the refusal by Wakefield of an application to extract opencast coal from a site within its area.

The inspector ordered Wakefield to pay the costs incurred by Cobex in bringing evidence on dust, noise and vibration and, second, to pay the unnecessary additional costs occurred in concluding a section 106 obligation under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Mr Anthony Crean for Wakefield; Miss Alice Robinson for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said that the power to make an order for costs was contained in section 250(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 6 to the 1990 Act. It was a discretionary power and guidance as to the exercise of discretion was provided in planning circular DoE 8/93 and its annexes.

His Lordship adopted the interpretation of the words in the circular "evidence to substantiate their reasons for refusal" in *R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte North Norfolk District Council* ([1994] 2 PLR 78), with the rider that the kind of evidence which was contemplated, although not such as to carry the day, should have real substance.

In addition, the test was one of unreasonableness, not just whether an authority had produced evidence to substantiate its case on a particular issue: see *R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Chichester District Council* ([1993] 2 PLR 1).

Thus there was an evidential threshold which, if reached, was likely to put a planning authority beyond the risk of a finding that it had been guilty of unreasonable conduct.

His Lordship referred to that by use of the phrase "sufficient evidential basis" by which was meant evidence, not lacking real substance, which was capable of belief and which, if accepted, would be capable of making good the plaintiff authority's objection.

His Lordship emphasised that there might not be only one test of unreasonable conduct in relation to the raising of a planning objection and the evidential threshold.

The guidance provided by the circular did not purport to deal with every permutation of circumstances which might arise. The inspector asked to find that a party to an inquiry had acted unreasonably had to make a judgment drawing such assistance as was available from the guidance in the circular.

His Lordship noted that the parties approached the question of a sufficient evidential basis on the premise that a planning authority which raised an objection without calling any evidence to support it would not be at risk of an order for costs if, in seeking to deal with the objection, the appellant called evidence which in fact provided the sufficient evidential basis for the objection, even though it proved insufficient to make good the planning authority's objection.

His Lordship adopted that approach, as had the inspector, and noted that he had not had to consider whether that was a correct approach or one which applied in all cases.

In his Lordship's judgment, the inspector was entitled on the material before him to conclude that in raising the noise issue as an objection the authority was guilty of unreasonable conduct.

A further challenge to the costs decision on the noise issue arose because another inspector had in similar circumstances refused to make a costs order against Wakefield. It was argued that in taking a different view the inspector should have explained his reasons for not following the earlier decision: see *North Wiltshire District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1992] PLR 113, 122.

His Lordship did not think that judgment required inspectors to give reasons, if they did not follow them, for distinguishing other costs decisions which were brought to their attention, unless some real point or principle was involved. It was not in the present case.

The public interest point which was of obvious significance in the *North Wiltshire* case was absent in the present case. The most that could be said was that an inspector could be expected to consider a decision on comparable facts which was brought to his attention in deciding whether he was right to make a finding of unreasonable conduct. Here the inspector had.

His Lordship was fortified in the view that the public interest referred to by the Court of Appeal was not relevant in the context of a costs decision in the case of *North Kesteven District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and Yeates* (unreported, December 18, 1987).

Solicitors: Mr James Holt, Wakefield: Treasury Solicitor.

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Implied term cannot be read into union deal

Ali v Christian Salvesen Food Services Ltd

Before Lord Justice Waite, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment October 18]

There was no justification for an implied term being read into a collective agreement which was freely negotiated with two trade unions representing a substantial labour force.

Therefore, an employee who claimed that the hours which he had worked before being made redundant exceeded the number of hours on which his standard wage had been calculated under the agreement was not entitled to be paid for the alleged excess when the agreement did not specify what was to happen in such an eventuality.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the employers, Christian Salvesen Food Services Ltd, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Mummery, Mr R. Jackson and Mrs M. Sunderland) ([1996] ICR 1) reversing a decision on December 7, 1993 of a Norwich industrial tribunal dismissing a complaint by the employee, Mr Osmond Ali.

Mr Peter Wallington for the employers; Mr Andrew Glennie for Mr Ali.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the appeal arose from the adoption by the employers of collective agreements, negotiated with the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the Transport and General Workers Union, in September 1991 and April 1992 respectively, for what was termed the "annualisation" of wages.

The court had been told that such agreements had achieved some popularity, in cases where trade was seasonal, as an alternative to the ordinary incidence of basic rate pay and overtime, which was liable in such trading conditions to produce capricious and unfair results for either side.

Annualisation agreements provided the workforce with an assured overall wage calculated, like a salary, on an annual basis: at the same time they preserved flexibility for management in appointing hours of work to fit fluctuations in seasonal demand.

The employers were engaged in the processing and storage of vegetables. They had a workforce of about 150 at their cold store and factory in Lowestoft, Suffolk.

The collective agreements provided in summary that the workforce, which had previously been paid on a traditional arrangement as hourly paid workers entitled to overtime if and when worked in any particular week, should be paid a standard wage, varying according to the grade of employee concerned, on the basis of a roster providing for a total of 1,824 hours to be worked during the twelve months from June 1, 1993.

Those hours and the applicable standard wage were both calculated broadly on the basis of an assumed 40-hour working week averaged out over the 12-month period and adjusted to take account of holiday entitlement.

No specific provision was made in either the collective agreements or the individual employment contracts of employees, for the eventuality that an employee might cease work for any reason before the 12-month period was completed and the 1,824 hours had been worked.

Mr Ali was an employee who was made redundant at a time when he had worked only 22 of the 52 weeks shown on his roster for the year. He claimed that the hours he had worked exceeded the "norm" of working hours by reference to which his standard wage had been calculated.

He applied to the industrial tribunal for a declaration as to his entitlement to be paid pro rata for that alleged excess. The industrial tribunal dismissed the application and held that in the absence of specific provision to cover the eventuality of premature termination, Mr Ali must be content with the standard wage which the collective agreements had ensured him, regardless of the hours actually worked.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal allowed his appeal and held that there ought to be implied into the individual and collective agreements a term that would entitle an employee whose employment was terminated by the employer before the end of the pay year to be paid the standard hourly rate for the hours actually worked by him in excess of 40 hours a week.

His Lordship said that the importation of an implied term depended in the final analysis upon the "intention of the parties as collected from the words of the agreement and the surrounding circumstances": see *Chitty on Contracts* (27th edition (1994) volume 1, paragraph 13-003).

Since that agreement itself was wholly silent as to the consequences of a premature termination it was not a case where the contractual documents created by their wording an internal context in favour of or against the implication of the proposed term.

What of the surrounding circumstances?

In his Lordship's view the circumstances were crucial as this was a collective agreement negotiated across a broad front for a substantial labour force.

It represented a carefully negotiated compromise between two potentially conflicting objectives: the desire on the one hand of the employees to have an assured rate of weekly pay spread over a long period to which they would be entitled regardless of the hours actually worked, and the desire on the other hand of the employers to avoid the high cost of paying overtime rates at periods of peak demand.

It was in the nature of such an agreement that it should be concise and clear. One would expect the parties to such an agreement to set their faces against any attempt to legislate for every possible contingency.

Should there be any topic left uncovered by an agreement of that kind, the natural inference, in his Lordship's judgment, was not that there had been an omission so obvious as to require judicial correction, but rather that the topic was omitted advisedly from the terms of the agreement on the ground that it was seen as too controversial or too complicated to justify any variation of the main terms of the agreement to take account of it.

It was an agreement which, by its very nature, would require it to be applied to many eventualities that it did not, and could not, realistically cover specifically.

The omission of any reference at all to the contingency of a premature termination of contracts of employment might at first sight seem surprising, but it became less so when regard was had to the immensity of the task of legislating for every eventuality resulting from such termination.

This was a very plain case against the implication of the proposed, or any, term.

The appeal was allowed and the industrial tribunal's decision restored.

Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Otton agreed.

Solicitors: Edward Lewis; Nicholsons, Lowestoft

Policy decision reviewable

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Launder

The Home Secretary's discretion under section 12 of the Extradition Act 1989 was normally justiciable, and there was no warrant for excepting from that general rule those cases where the decision was taken on political or policy grounds, however important or sensitive they were.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Henry and Mrs Justice Ebsworth) so held on August 6, in a reserved judgment allowing Ewan Launder's application for judicial review of the decision dated January 12, 1994 of the Home Secretary to issue authority to proceed on the request of the Governor of Hong Kong dated October 7, 1993 seeking the applicant's extradition to Hong Kong to face trial upon charges of corruption.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the court would be properly sensitive both to the delicacy of relations with the foreign state and the advantages which the primary decision-taker, the Home Secretary, had over it in relation to the issue in question; but that was not an argument for making that issue non-justiciable; it was simply a reminder of the limitations of the constitutional role of the reviewing court.

Whatever those limitations, the court must observe its constitutional role to ensure that the protection Parliament intended was afforded to the fugitive. Their Lordships quashed the warrant and remitted the matter to the Home Secretary for further consideration.

Handcuffs hearing

Regina v Rollinson

An application by the prosecution to restrain the defendant at trial by means of handcuffs should be heard inter partes.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Hutchison, Mr Justice Rougier and Judge Van der Werff) so held on October 11, when dismissing the appeal against conviction of Ian Frederick Rollinson on March 18, 1996 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Forrester and a jury) for conspiracy to rob, in the alternative, conspiracy to commit burglary.

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that before trial commenced the prosecution made an ex parte application to the trial judge to have the appellant handcuffed to a warden during the trial.

The judge acceded to the application, and defence counsel discovered that his client had been handcuffed only once trial proceeded.

His Lordship added that in this instance the consequences of failure to allow an inter partes hearing on the issue had not rendered the conviction unsafe.

Scots Law Report October 29 1996 Court of Session

Defining market area for reference

Stagecoach Holdings plc v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

Before Lord Johnston

[Judgment June 20]

There was nothing in the Fair Trading Act 1973 that imposed any particular geographical restriction on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission when carrying out an investigation under section 64 of that Act, although where the area selected was physically relatively small, other economic factors might be relevant too.

Lord Johnston, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing a petition for judicial review of (i) the recommendations contained in a report by the commission on a reference by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry with regard to a merger of the petitioner, Stagecoach Holdings plc, and another bus operator, and (ii) certain decisions of the secretary of state following thereon.

Mr James McNeill, QC and Mr Robert Weir for the petitioners; Mr Matthew Clarke, QC and Mr Alan Dewar for the respondents.

LORD JOHNSTON observed that the case turned upon the construction of the 1973 Act and on the scope of the jurisdiction of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission as conferred by the statute and the way in which they had purported to exercise it in the present case.

The fundamental complaint by the petitioners was that in a number of ways both respondents had exceeded their powers and had acted irrationally in determining in both the commission report and in the decision of the minister that a qualifying merger existed contrary to the public interest, which, in terms of the legislation, had caused the minister to require certain behavioural undertakings from the petitioners against which they made the complaints which underlay the present petition.

His Lordship had deemed it necessary to refer to the parts of the commission report dealing with the relevant area to be selected for determining the issue of market share before examining the arguments advanced.

What had immediately to be recognised was that in making the relevant assessment, if the area in question was not the whole of the United Kingdom, it must be an identifiable area which was in turn a substantial part of the United Kingdom. One could not consider a share of the market without defining the market area.

It had been argued for the petitioners that the minister had acted irrationally in making the reference and that the commission had exceeded their jurisdiction in that they had departed from the area specified in the reference and had established a relevant area of their own upon which they had then made their assessment of the relevant share of the market which the merged companies would enjoy.

Neither the original reference area nor the area adopted by the commission, it was argued, qualified as a "substantial part of the United Kingdom".

The essence of the submission was that the statutory framework was such that in making the reference the minister determined the confines of the remit with regard to the relevant geographical area as he saw it. The commission had to accept that reference in its complete terms.

It had been further submitted that both the minister and the commission had applied the wrong test as to what was meant by a "substantial part" and the criteria that the commission had taken into account in holding the test to be satisfied were inadequate and therefore irrational.

Against that background, his Lordship proposed to consider four questions:

1 The scope of the jurisdiction conferred on the commission under section 64;

2 The means whereby it had exercised the jurisdiction in the present case;

3 The proper test to be established in relation to what was meant by "a substantial part of the United Kingdom"; and

4 The way in which the latter issue had been approached in this case.

1 In his Lordship's opinion, the statutory framework clearly identified the mischief which was to be addressed. It had to be recognised that the issue was broad, far-ranging and important in the context of public interest.

It was manifestly clear from section 64 that the primary jurisdictional element in any reference was an opinion, and no more than that, by the minister that the potential for damage to the public interest existed against the criteria of one quarter of a share of the market in either the United Kingdom or a substantial part thereof.

In his Lordship's opinion the whole purpose of the legislation and the public interest would be defeated if the minister effectively bound his advisers to a preliminary opinion of his own which, by definition, if he required the advice before reaching a final decision, could not be such a final decision.

Quite apart, therefore, from whether it would be appropriate to impose restrictions on the jurisdiction of the commission within the confines of the statute, public interest and the very wording of the Act dictated that no such restriction be imposed.

2 In his Lordship's opinion the proper starting point for the commission in terms of the legislation was consideration of whether there was a 25 per cent market share anywhere unless expressly defined in the reference, and for that purpose, they required to consider and identify the areas they had looked at. The commission had been free to identify those areas and equally free to reach their conclusions as to market share in that context.

3 His Lordship referred to *R v Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Ex parte South Yorkshire Transport Ltd* ([1993] 1 WLR 23) where the issue which had been addressed by the House of Lords could not be distinguished from that in the present case, and considered himself bound by the approach adopted by the House.

In any event, his Lordship had found nothing in the legislation that restricted the activities of the commission in any jurisdictional sense and found the approach of Lord Mustill wholly comprehensible and would have followed it even if he had not considered it binding on him.

4 It had been argued that the reference to population was arbitrary and the reference to higher than average bus usage counterproductive as that could be argued to increase competition.

In his Lordship's opinion, that had misunderstood the extent to which the commission had been looking at the particular geographical area as defined by them and the factors set out in the report.

They had been carrying out the correct exercise, namely a determination by market share based on turnover of an appropriate market share within the area which in their opinion thereafter met the test.

All the commission had to do to was satisfy the court that they had been entitled to reach the conclusion they did upon the evidence that they had competently and relevantly considered.

His Lordship was satisfied that they had and dismissed the petition accordingly.

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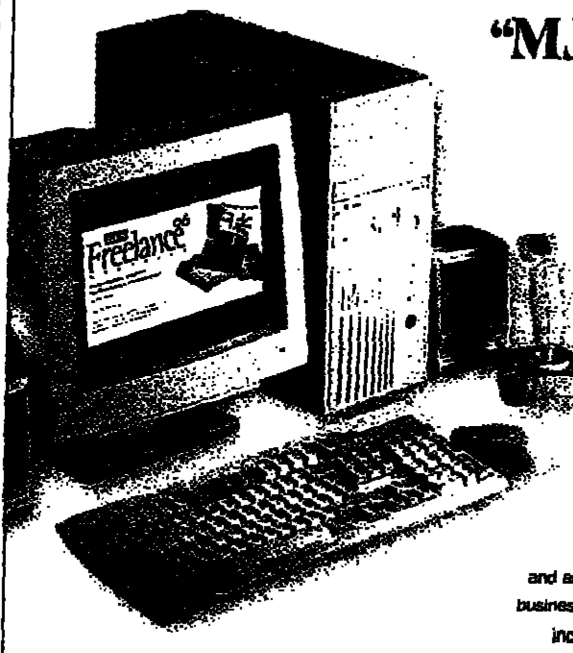

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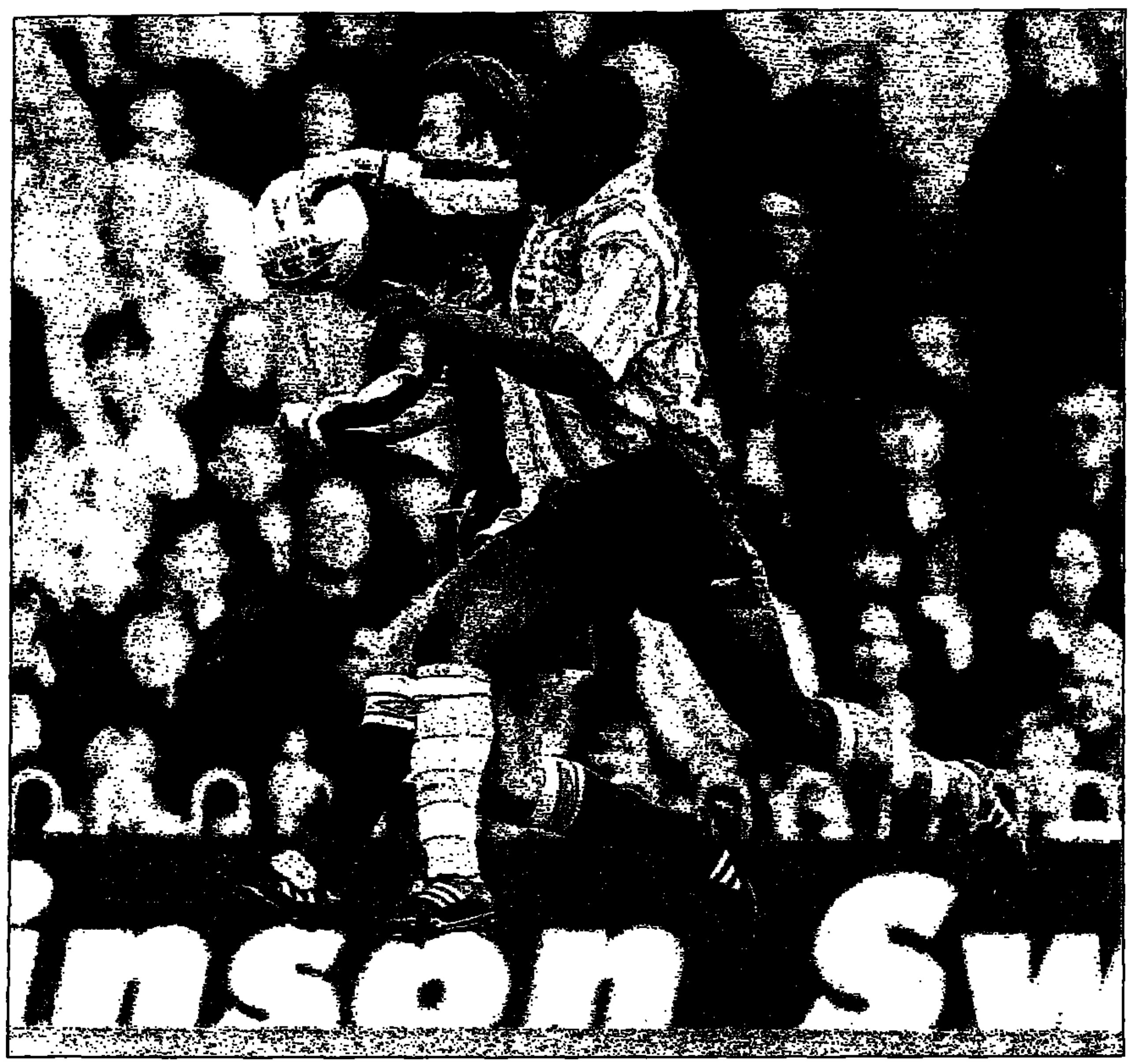

ITF selectors with Manchester United defenders will be unhappy after the champions' 6-3 defeat against Southampton

MOST Interactive Team Football players have been considering Scotland-based players as an afterthought. This week's winner of £250, with his team Och Aye A Winner, proves that this is a mistake.

Mr P. Ridout, of Botley, Southampton, has selected a team that comprises only two Scotsmen, but eight in all that play for Scottish clubs. He also had the foresight to select Paul Gascoigne and Egil Ostenstadt, both of whom scored hat-tricks on Saturday.

In the overall competition, there is a new leader in the race for £50,000. John Hunt, from Taunton, who has entered numerous teams in ITF, has taken over the top two positions.

Mr Ridout's team is:

Goalkeeper
D Lekovic (Kilmarnock)

Full backs
S McKimmie (Aberdeen)
L Dixon (Arsenal)

Central defenders
D McPherson (Hearts)
M van der Gaag (Motherwell)

Midfield players
P Gascoigne (Rangers)
B Laudrup (Rangers)
A Thom (Celtic)
D Windass (Aberdeen)

Strikers
E Ostenstadt (Southampton)
P van Hooijdonk (Celtic)

Manager
P Reid (Sunderland)

You can use the ITF transfer system to improve your fortunes. This allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

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When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

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THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

	IN		
32203	Steve Blatherwick	Nottingham Forest	£1.00m
	OUT		
21902	Branco	Middlesbrough	£1.50m
32906	Adrian Whitbread	West Ham United	£0.25m
40206	David Hillier	Arsenal	£0.50m
40207	Eddie McGoldrick	Arsenal	£0.50m
51505	Mark Hateley	Leeds United	£2.00m
52602	Neil Shipperley	Southampton	£3.50m
60401	Ray Harford	Blackburn Rovers	£3.00m

LOANED PLAYERS

D Wascall (Derby to Manchester City, two weeks); C Holland (Newcastle to Birmingham, one week); B Angell (Sunderland to Stockport, three weeks); T Wright (Nottingham Forest to Reading, one week); Robbie van der Laan (Derby to Wolverhampton, two weeks); Scott Fitzgerald (Wimbledon to Millwall, two weeks); M Williams (Sheffield Wednesday to Huddersfield, three weeks); F Bennett (Southampton to Shrewsbury, one month)

Loan periods subject to fluctuation

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

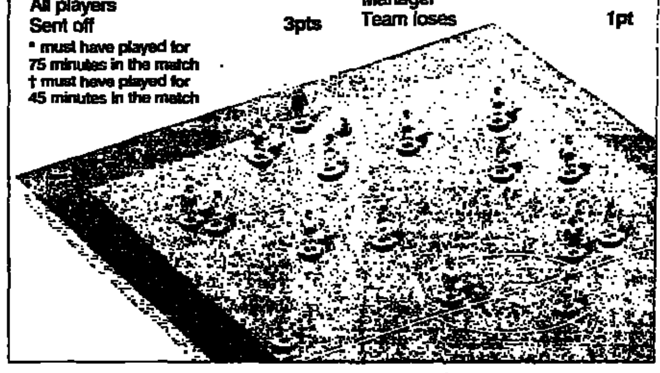
POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		**Striker**	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	**All players**	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	**Manager**	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		**Manager**	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before *noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for* matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

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Club ________
Player in ________ ☐☐☐☐☐
Club ________

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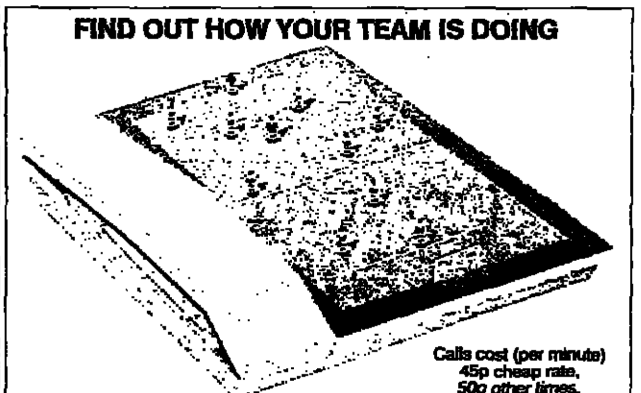

Calls cost (per minute) 45p cheap rate, *50p other times.*

Call the ITF checkline on
0891 884 643
Outside UK: 44 990 100 343

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	234
2	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	226
3=	Gangsters	(A Lone)	225
3=	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	225
5	Skyforest	(A Burton)	223
6	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	222
7	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	219
8	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	217
9	Purple Rain	(B Gohil)	215
10	Sky Times III	(L McCullough)	209
11=	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	208
11=	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	208
13	Scholes For Goals	(K Booth)	207
14=	1st Eleft	(K J Burns)	206
14=	A2	(K Farhall)	206
14=	Jones Boys Eight	(M Jones)	206
14=	Plastic Fitters 10	(T Feehily)	206
18=	I	(M Corless)	205
18=	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	205
20	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	204
21=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	203
21=	Rod's Rovers	(B Roddam)	203
23=	*Beyond Fault*	(P Foster)	201
23=	Nomads	(N Broom)	201
23=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	201
26=	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	200
26=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	200
26=	Abdul's Revenge	(D Ritchie)	200
29=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	199
29=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	199
29=	Ginger FC	(C Armstrong)	199
32=	*PJ Thistle*	(R Newbould)	198
32=	Clover Vale	(N Ensingh)	198
34=	Daggers	(V Cox)	197
34=	Airstir	(I Fyfe)	197
34=	AB 4	(A Boyland)	197
34=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	197
34=	Le Boeufeaters	(J Roebuck)	197
39=	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	196
39=	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	196
39=	*Pamela Anderson*	*(P Hands)*	196
39=	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	196
39=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	196
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45=	*United In Footy*	*(O Alton)*	195
45=	Aldecurcic Villa	(M Jukes)	195
47=	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	194
47=	Triple Top Tan	(P Bailey)	194
47=	Roisina Raiders	(P M Handley)	194
47=	Bubwith Utd 3	(M Larcombe)	194
47=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	194
47=	Flying Foreigners	(D Thomas)	194
53=	Red Star Belgravia	(R Keenan)	193
53=	*Where's Ray Gone?*	*(P Fromm)*	193
53=	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	193
53=	Clive From Down Under	(K James)	193
53=	Satica Super Stars	(J Seaman)	193
53=	*Inter The Pub*	*(M Ward)*	193
53=	Alancia FC	(A Stilliano)	193
53=	Fortuna Sandwich	(A J Finkel)	193
53=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	193
53=	Jan 2	(J Clayton)	193
53=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	193
53=	Redknapp's Rovers	(B Emson)	193
53=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(J Gohil)	193
66=	Botak United 1	(J Pull)	192
66=	Kinky Imports	(S Fraser)	192
66=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	192
66=	Gauntlet FC	(C J Eldred)	192
66=	Glens Win World Cup	(F Geary)	192
66=	Zig Zag Zak 25	(J Zak)	192
66=	Burbage Bombers	(J Bull)	192
73=	*Beeston Celtic*	*(B Mcgivern)*	191
73=	Hari Kari XI	(H Kerr)	191
73=	The Dansters	(C C Vevers)	191
73=	TWFC 1	(T Webley)	191
73=	Riggy's Roarers	(A Rigg)	191
73=	Fendon United	(E Cowen)	191
73=	Cool Side Burns	(M Roper)	191
73=	Deaf Men Can Manage	(R E H Tunnicliffe)	191
73=	Sporty Big Bone	(J Staszkiewicz)	191
73=	*Barry's Team*	*(B Matthews)*	191
83=	Abc	(M Baber)	190
83=	Nobby	(J Brown)	190
83=	Ace's High	(N Avery)	190
83=	Hove Rovers 3	(N Goddard)	190
83=	The Luke Hansard XI	(M Kelley)	190
83=	Nonchalont AFC 3	(R J Ward)	190
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83=	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	190
92=	Burch Girls	(M Burch)	189
92=	Bob's Boys 2	(R Calder)	189
92=	Hairy May	(N Pearson)	189
92=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	189
92=	Storm	(P Mills)	189
92=	Dave's First XI	(D Quibell)	189
92=	Claremont Loyal	(B Fox)	189
92=	*Kanter's Cronies*	*(E D Kanter)*	189
92=	Caroline B	(A Luckhurst)	189
92=	Jenny's Skates	(D S Millis)	189
92=	FC Big Hands	(A Martin)	189
92=	Gianluca At Me	(P Naylor)	189
104=	Mogg Town	(B Moggeridge)	188
104=	Jack Son Of Ripper	(R Edden)	188
104=	Cannon's Hotshots	(D Cannon)	188
107=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	187
107=	Dynamo Hibs	(S Miller)	187
107=	John Hunt Taunton C	(J Hunt)	187
107=	Cholm Chix 69	(C Scarlet)	187
107=	Porcelain Gods	(P Ryan)	187
107=	JS August Monthly 2	(J Swirles)	187
107=	Ball Watchers	(J Murray)	187
107=	Hopeful Hotshots	(H Rimmer)	187
107=	West Brom The Best	(C Jones)	187
107=	Champions	(L Gibbons)	187
107=	Downs Destroyers	(R McCullough)	187
107=	Utd Forever Ektc	(E Kherodia)	187
107=	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	187
120=	Mars FC	*(M Baber)*	186
120=	Zoo Power	(D Harrison)	186
120=	Do I Not Like Man Utd	(C D Woodward)	186
120=	HGD Is Out Of Order	(N Wheatley)	186
120=	Tasha	(I Pigeon)	186
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120=	The Chrispies	(C Potter)	186
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The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

Ian Wright scores Arsenal's third goal against Leeds. He remains one of ITF's leading strikers, with 29 points

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts	
				Wk	Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	+5	+7
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	+5	+31
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	-2	+1
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+6
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-4	-18
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	0
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-1
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	-1	-19
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	+5	-6
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	0
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	-3	-9
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	+5	+4
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-18
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-1
11102	J Kearton	Everton	0.50	0	0
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	0
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	-1	-21
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	0	+3
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	-3	-25
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	-5	-13
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	0
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	+5	-4
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	-1	+10
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-11	-10
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+5
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	+5	+5
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-23
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	-9	-6
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-3
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	-3	+6
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-17
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-20
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+13
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+5	-8
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	-5	-10
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	+5	0
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	-5	+10
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	-1	-12
12902	S Mautone	West Ham United	0.50	0	+5
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	+5	+10
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0

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20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	+3	+9
[illegible]0201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	+7	+22
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+20
20203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+10
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+15
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20304	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+9
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+1	-5
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	-1
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	-6
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	-1	+2
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	+4	+6
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+1
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	-1	+6
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0	+4
20603	T Phelan	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	+5
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-6
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-2
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+4
20705	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	-1	+2
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0	0
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	+4	+12
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	+4	+6
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-6
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-4
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	0
[illegible]02	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+4
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	+7
21104	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0	0
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	0
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	-1	-8
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	-3	+6
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	-1	+8
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	-2	-9
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	-2	-3
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0	-1
21503	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	-2	-3
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	+4	+9
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	+4	+8
21603	N Lewis	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+16
21704	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	-3	+14
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-6	+5
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-5	-2
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	+4	-1
21902	Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-3
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	+4	-3
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	0	0
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+2
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+10
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+1
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	-1	+7
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	0
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	-5
[illegible]2203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+3
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-7
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-5
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	0
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+4	+4
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+4	+8
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	-5
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+2
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	-2	+4
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	-6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	-1	+4
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	+4	+12
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+11
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	+4	+2
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	-2	+15
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	-3	+9
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0	+8
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	+1	0
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	0	-3
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0	+5
22905	K Brown	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	+4	+10
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	-1	+1
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	+3	+11
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	+4	+15

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30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	+4	+8
[illegible]0102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-2
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	+4	+16
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	+3	+22
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	+4	+23
30204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.00	0	+9
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+14
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+16
30304	C Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+4
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+1
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	-1
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	-1	+2
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	+4	+9
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+3
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	+4	+7
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	-5
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	0	+16
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	+3	+3
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+6
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+10
30607	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	+4	+5
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	+4	+3
30703	D Busst	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	-1	-1
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0
30303	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	-2	-2
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	-1	+3
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	0
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	+4	+9
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-2
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-5
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+7
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+1
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	+6
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	0	0
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0	+1
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	-4
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	+3
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-3
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	-1	0
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	0	+3
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	-3	-6
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	+4	+4
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	+4	+13
31603	P Kamark	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	+4	+6
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+14
31702	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	0
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+11
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+12
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	-2	+3
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	-2	+6
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	0	+10
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-9
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	+4	-1
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-7
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	-4	+3
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+11
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	-2	+9
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	-1	+12
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	-3
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	0
32302	S Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00	0	-14
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	+4	+22
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	0
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	+4	+13
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	+4	+8
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+4	+1
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+4	+5
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	-1	-1
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	-2	+1
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	-3	+1
32605	U van Gobbel	Southampton	1.50	-2	-2
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	+4	+14
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	+4	+13
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	+4	+12
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-3	+14
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	-2	+12
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
32804	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
32805	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-3
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	0	+4
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	+3
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	0	-2
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	0	0
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
32906	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.25	0	0
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	+4	+3
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+12
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

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40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	+1	+10
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+1
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	+1	+9
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	+2	+11
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+2	+14
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+2	+22
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+9
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40206	D Hillier	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40207	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	+2	+10
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	0
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	+1	+10
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+15
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+8
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
40305	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	+1	+10
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+1	+6
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+11
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+5
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+9
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+3
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+2	+14
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	0
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	+6	+16
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	+4	+11
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	+2	+11
40505	P Di Canio	Celtic	3.00	+2	+14
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	+3	+3
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	+1	+12
40603	G Peacock	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	0	+11
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	0	+2
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	+3	+19
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+2	+16
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	+2	+15
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+7
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	+2	+10
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+2	+10
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	+2	+5
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	+1	+13
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+2
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	0	+2
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	+1	+9
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	+1	+4
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	0	+9
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	0	+14
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	0	+14
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	+4	+10
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
42303	J McInally	Dundee United	0.75	0	+4
40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	+1	+6
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+11
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+9
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	+2	+11
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+10
41101	A Kanchelskis	Everton	7.00	0	+14
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	0	+14
41103	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	0	+6
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	+10
41105	A Limpar	Everton	1.50	0	+1
41106	T Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+3
41107	V Samways	Everton	0.50	0	0
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	+1	+4
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+2
41301	K McAllister	Hibernian	1.50	+1	+9
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	+1	+6
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	0
41304	A Millen	Hibernian	0.50	+1	+11
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	+1	+3
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	+1	+9
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	+1	+7
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+2
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+9
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	0	+4
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	0	+11
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	+1	+15
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	+1	+14
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+9
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41509	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+2
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	+2	+11
41602	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	0	+2
41603	S Taylor	Leicester City	2.00	+1	+11
41604	J Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	+2	+13
41701	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	0	+18
41702	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	+1	+11
41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	0	+1
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	+1	+18
41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	+1	+16
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	+1	+14
41801	R Giggs	Manchester United	7.00	0	+10
41802	R Keane	Manchester United	4.50	-3	0
41803	D Beckham	Manchester United	4.00	+3	+21
41804	N Butt	Manchester United	3.50	0	+8
41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	+1	+3
41807	T Cooke	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41808	B Thornley	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41809	S Davies	Manchester United	0.50	0	0
41810	J Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50	0	+15
41811	K Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00	0	+9
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50	+2	+13
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50	+2	+19
41903	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	0
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42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+1	+12
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50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+4
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50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	0
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53003	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+3
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NEWS

Howard set to ban 'Rambo' knives

■ Michael Howard hinted strongly that he was ready to ban the sale of Rambo-style knives after the public outcry against the availability of such weapons.

The Home Secretary told MPs that he would use an existing law to stop sales of weapons such as the £145 12-inch blade called The Vindicator — so long as a satisfactory definition could be devised to differentiate them from kitchen and other working knives .... **Page 1**

Head to close school over tearaway

■ The head of the Nottinghamshire school where staff are refusing to teach ten-year-old Matthew Wilson told parents that he would shut the school on safety grounds. Manton Junior School, in Worksop, will be the first in Britain to close because of disciplinary problems .... **Page 1**

Storm damage

Hurricane-force winds swept across Wales and southern England causing widespread damage and traffic chaos in some of the worst weather since the great storm of 1987 .... **Page 1**

Passers-by accused

Shoppers who watched and did nothing as a 15-year-old girl was dragged kicking and screaming from a busy high street in Birmingham into a car were condemned by the police........ **Page 1**

IRA suspect held

An IRA suspect who drove a £22,000 Saab convertible and dressed as a businessman was arrested by anti-terrorist detectives investigating the mortar attacks on Heathrow airport two years ago........ **Page 2**

Queen in the shade

The Queen began a state visit to the Keeper of the 24 Golden Umbrellas and was glad of the shade of six of them .... **Page 3**

Moral danger

Explicit references to marriage in the proposed moral code for schools were omitted because of fears that they would hinder its acceptance .... **Page 4**

Turner contenders

The Tate Gallery urged visitors to keep an open mind as the work of the four Turner Prize contenders went on show, including aLondon Tube map .... **Page 5**

Rugby man dies

An Oxford University rugby player has died a day after being carried off. Ian Tucker, a 23-year-old Australian was injured in a tackle during a match against Saracens .... **Page 6**

Saxon London

Excavations beneath the extension to the Royal Opera House have unearthed the hidden secrets of Lundenwic, the little-known Saxon settlement . **Page 9**

Yeltsin's feud

In what has become an extremely personal feud, President Yeltsin stripped his former bodyguard, Aleksandr Korzhakov, of all military duties in a decree issued from his hospital bed...... **Page 10**

Chaos in Zaire

Eastern Zaire continued its spiral into chaos as soldiers and civilians went on a looting rampage in Bukavu .... **Page 11**

Taleban bombarded

Nine hours of ferocious tank and artillery bombardment by forces loyal to the former Government in Afghanistan have failed to dislodge Taleban fighters from their strongholds .... **Page 12**

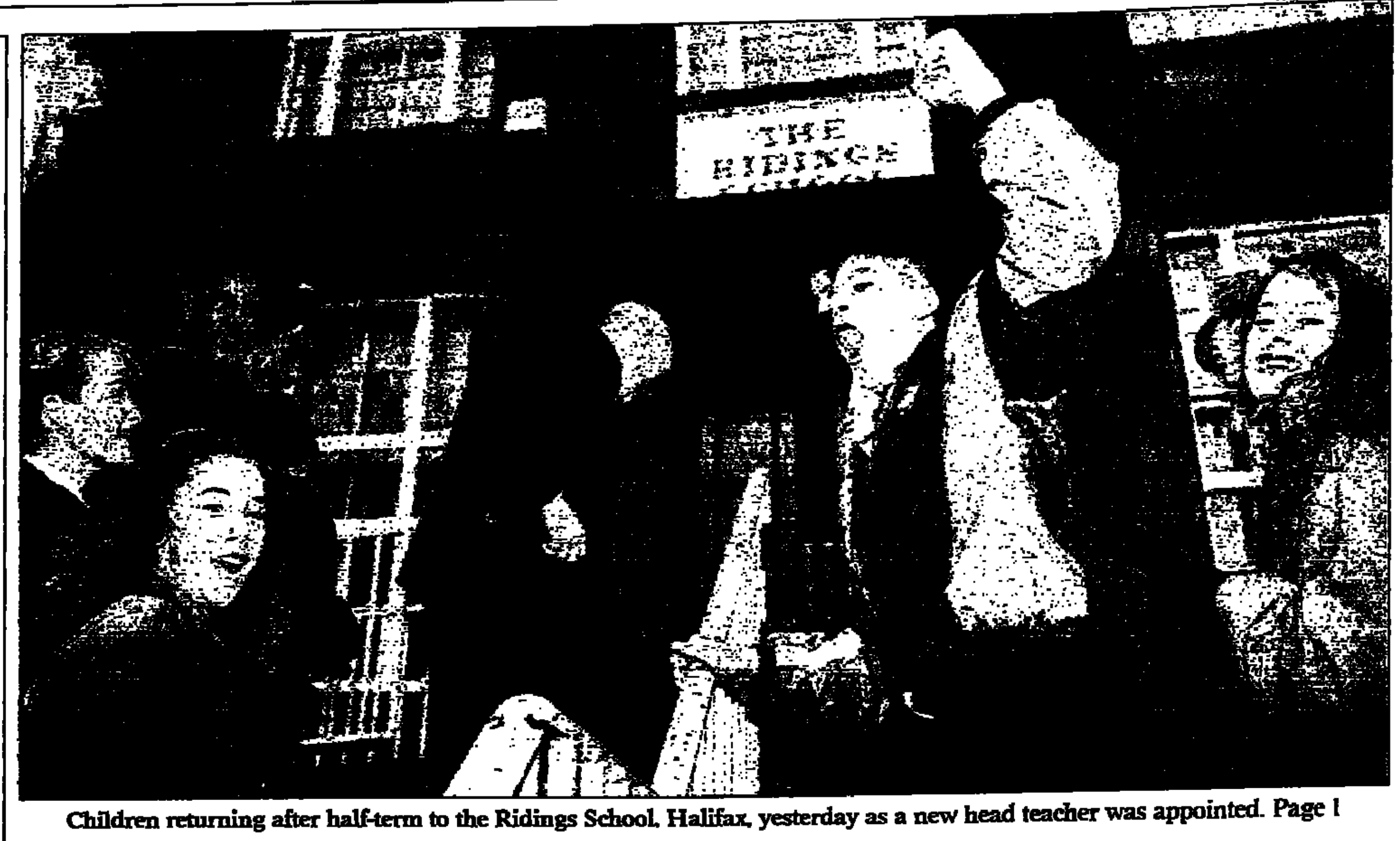
Palestinian tension

Tension in the occupied West Bank rose after a Palestinian boy died, with family members and a witness saying that he had been beaten unconscious by a Jewish settler .... **Page 13**

London regains its 1960's title

■ Thirty years after Carnaby Street was hailed the world's hippest thoroughfare, London regained its crown as the most stylish city. *Newsweek* made its cover story "London, the world's coolest city". A rapturous article described 1990s London as a "hip compromise between the nonstop newness of Los Angeles and the aspic-preserved beauty of Paris"...**Page 1**

NIGEL BENNETT



Children returning after half-term to the Ridings School, Halifax, yesterday as a new head teacher was appointed. Page 1

BUSINESS

Power bid: CE Electric, an American company, announced that it was offering £651 million for Northern Electric........ **Page 25**

Alliance float: The Alliance and Leicester building society is offering a flat rate allocation of 250 shares to all its qualifying members when it floats on the stock market next year........ **Page 25**

Lending: Monthly mortgage lending by British banks fell sharply in September fuelling concerns that consumer confidence in the home loans market was heading for hibernation........ **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 2.9 points to close at 4025.3. Sterling rose from 89.2 to 89.6 after rises from $1.6038 to $1.6123 and DM2.4439 to DM2.4504 ...**Page 28**

SPORT

Football: Manchester United face a European match against Fenerbahçe with the possible absence of two key players, Gary Pallister and Nicky Butt........ **Page 48**

Golf: There were two astonishing performances in the 1996 season: Nick Faldo's victory in the Masters and Greg Norman's dignity in defeat after losing a six-stroke lead .... **Page 46**

Tennis: The Paris Open presents Boris Becker, Andre Agassi and Richard Krajicek with a last chance to qualify for the ATP Tour world championships .... **Page 48**

Squash: Cassandra Jackman won her second victory in eight days over Michelle Martin, the world No 1, to reach the final of the Carol Weymuller open .... **Page 46**

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Fine art: Three British exhibitions pay tribute to David Nash's extraordinary skills as a carver of wood; the director of America's Getty Museum hits out at the British art establishment........**Page 33**

Music-making: The Czech Philharmonic is celebrating its centenary with a UK tour but it is not the happiest of times for the Prague-based organisation ....**Page 34**

Dramatic change: Robert Lepage is not the only theatre director to introduce multimedia elements into his productions. But do such shows point the way to the future?**Page 35**

Pop heroes: Seattle's Pearl Jam play Dublin on the second date of their extensive European tour, proving that grunge is still alive and well ....**Page 35**

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New Fowler's, day 2: The new word order according to Henry Fowler. Do we go boldly or do we boldly go? And making sense out of sentences........ **Page 15**

Happy ever after: Could you stay completely silent for 10 days and then feel you have been given something truly precious?........ **Page 14**

Booker time again: Britain's most important literary prize really does fulfil a vital role .... **Page 14**

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Is the public losing out? Solicitors are becoming concerned about the effects of the no win, no fee system........**Page 37**

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Joseph Conrad knew what he was doing when he set his horror in the midst of a river, the Zaire, which gives its name to the beautiful and dismal country. Zaire, the personal fiefdom of the dictator Mobutu . . . is a today a decomposing giant
— *El Pais*, Madrid

Not one of the powers whether in place either in Kigali, Bujumbura or Kinshasa is the product of universal sufferage and in spite of vague promises, not one is trying to really change the way things are going — *Le Monde*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: The last days of Robert Maxwell are recalled in an *Inside Story Special* (BBC2, 10.25pm) **Review:** Lynne Truss is resistant to the charms of *Cracker*........**Page 47**

OPINION

Virtue must be taught

Today's children will need power to exercise any kind of will in the coming world: but freedom by itself is not enough. Power comes from a strong moral hinterland. Politicians who strengthen that true political base will earn the place in history that so many so vainly now seek .... **Page 17**

Maltese cross

Despite Mr Fenech Adami's defeat, Malta is less keen than might appear to throw its "European" identity once again into question. If Brussels had less of a reputation for intrusive regulation, the verdict might have been different. The thought should please none but the opponents of a wider Union**Page 17**

COLUMNS

TIMOTHY GARTON ASH

Such progress as Russia and other former Soviet states have made since he resigned in 1991 — towards more freedom (considerable), more markets (significant) and more democracy (very mixed indeed) — is not a direct result of Gorbachev's policies, but follows from the process that he began .... **Page 16**

DONALD DEWAR

During the Queen's Speech debate the Prime Minister was prepared to change his mind on both stalking and paedophilia. If he doesn't have second thoughts on handguns, he may find himself in even greater difficulty and paying a high political price .... **Page 16**

WOODROW WYATT

Dunblane and publicised cases of dreadful indiscipline in some schools have brought a sudden awareness that the upbringing of our youth has gone awry. This is too serious for party political warfare .... **Page 16**

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Derek Tangye, author; **Lady Chancellor**; **Jack Tinker**, theatre critic .... **Page 19**

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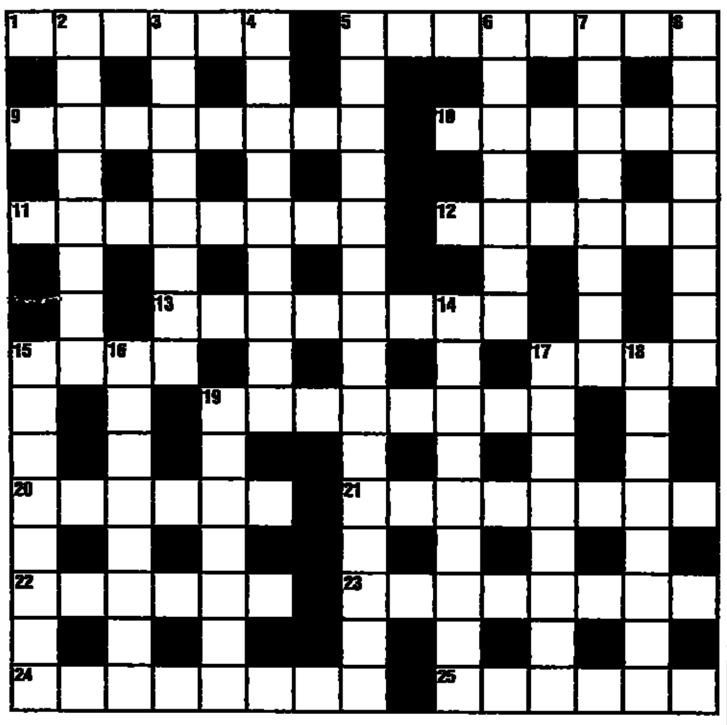

ACROSS

1 Goldfinger, for example, upsetting Moneypenny? (6).
5 Drink going to Falstaff's head when he hit the sack? (8).
9 Abandon aircraft? No, it's been repaired (8).
10 Person succeeding with second-rate shot (6).
11 Aircraft that's self-propelled — and self-banking? (8).
12 Extension of the middle ranch (6).
13 Characters in Open University are from various countries (8).
15 God of peace? (4).
17 Son born is taken round to see relatives (4).
19 State of equilibrium in earth's crust makes one's stay so unstable (8).
20 Endless state of sunshine makes us ruddy (6).
21 Lark has to fly around these days (8).
22 At start of game, there's scope for this (6).
23 Hire-tent collapsed — that's unlucky! (8).
24 Determined to show flag? Not so! (8).
25 Troublesome hearing (6).

DOWN

2 Dared to go on again in Palladium (8).
3 The predominant element of our inspiration (8).
4 Game in large quantity is seen over the river (9).
5 Simple Simon's component parts, in a way (3,6,6).
6 Hold fast to support shock of tight bend (7).
7 In these works, one has to join union (8).
8 Takes off nothing after Norm buys it (8).
14 He opposes those who work to rule (9).
15 Spar longer than the rest? (8).
16 Grass at home long gone (8).
17 Tenderness after tea? (8).
18 Club has begun with old review (8).
19 First sign (7).

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Great Cowden, east Yorkshire 17C (63F). ; lowest day max Aviemore, Highlands, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Glasgow 1.32in, highest sunshine: Swanage, Dorset 5.8hrs

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have clear or sunny intervals and blustery showers. These will eventually die out from the west, lingering longest on the North Sea coast. Winds will slowly moderate and it will be colder than of late.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunshine and blustery showers. These will be later confined to northern and eastern regions. The strong northerly winds will moderate, but the air will feel cool.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E & NE England**: Rain clearing then a few showers. Wind northwesterly, strong, moderating. Cooler. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Central S England, E & W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S & N Wales, NW England, Central N**: Isolated showers dying out, good sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, fresh to strong, moderating. Cooler. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland**: Becoming dry, clear or sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, fresh. Max 8-10C (46-50F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE & NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland**: A few showers at first then clear or sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, fresh, locally strong. Cooler. Max 6-8C (43-46F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday:** Cloudy and wet in the north, the south more settled. Milder.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

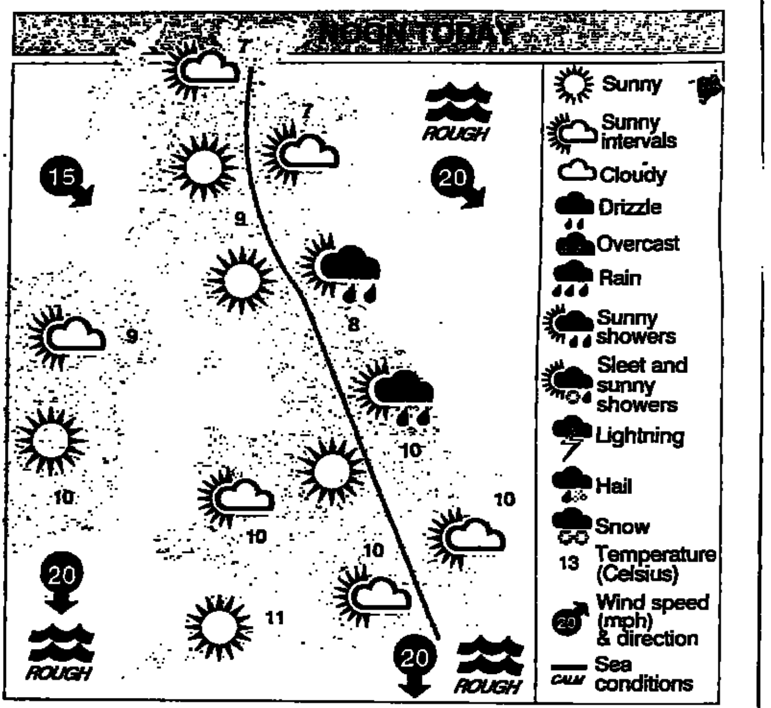
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.45	9	48	r
Anglesey	1.4	0.23	14	57	sh
Aspatria	1.4	0.22	13	55	sh
Aviemore	-	0.66	7	45	r
Belfast	1.8	0.16	14	57	r
Birmingham	X				
Bognor R	3.6	0.11	16	61	g
Bournem'th	4.9	0.11	16	61	g
Bristol	5.2	0.08	16	61	sh
Buxton	1.4	0.13	12	54	c
Cardiff	X				
Clacton	4.9	-	15	59	s
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	3.6	0.01	16	61	b
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	3.6	0.04	16	61	sh
Edinburgh	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	1.12	11	52	r
Exmouth	2.9	0.23	15	59	g
Falmouth	5.5	0.05	15	59	gS
Fishguard	0.4	0.35	13	55	r
Folkestone	4.0	0.08	16	61	sh
Glasgow	-	1.32	13	55	r
Guernsey	X				
Hastings	3.2	0.02	16	61	g
Hayling I.	4.0	0.10	16	61	g
Herne Bay	4.3	0.03	16	61	g
Hove	3.4	0.05	15	59	g
Hunstanton	4.3	0.01	15	59	s
Isle of Man	1.7	0.39	14	57	r
Jersey	4.8	0.02	17	63	b
Kinloss	-	0.53	9	48	r
Leeds	3.8	0.04	16	61	r
Lerwick	X				
Leuchars	-	0.98	10	50	r
Littlehmptn	2.8	0.17	16	61	g
London	4.7	0.04	16	61	sh
Lowestoft	4.2	0.01	16	61	s
Manchester	1.0	0.10	14	57	r
Margate	3.8	0.02	17	63	s
Minehead	3.5	0.16	15	59	sh
Morecambe	1.9	0.40	15	59	r
Newcastle	4.0	0.06	15	59	sh
Newquay	3.7	0.04	15	59	c
Norwich	5.0	-	16	61	s
Oxford	4.5	0.16	16	61	sh
Penzance	X				
Poole	5.3	0.07	16	61	s
Prestatyn	X	0.09	15	59	r
Salcombe	4.1	0.03	16	61	c
Sandown	5.2	0.14	15	59	g
Saunton Snd	-	0.04	15	59	gS
Scarboro'	1.7	0.02	15	59	sh
Shanklin	3.7	0.14	15	59	g
Skegness	5.0	-	16	61	sh
Southend	X	-	16	61	g
Southport	3.2	0.10	15	59	sh
Southsea	3.6	0.11	16	61	sh
Stornoway	-	0.05	10	50	r
Swanage	5.8	0.10	16	61	sh
Teignmouth	3.0	0.15	15	59	g
Tenby	X				
Tiree	-	1.07	9	48	r
Torquay	3.7	0.12	16	61	b
Tynemouth	-	0.05	15	59	du
Ventnor	3.9	0.06	15	59	g
West-s-mare	2.1	0.04	15	59	c
Weymouth	-	0.05	15	59	b

ABROAD

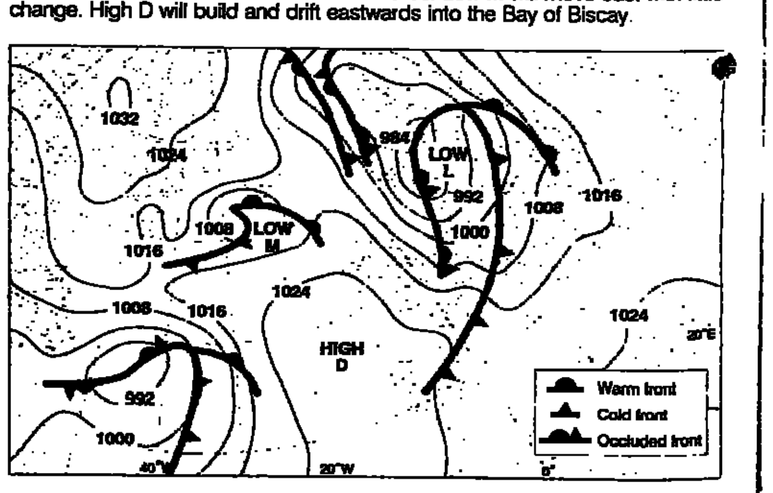
	C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	f
Akrotiri	21	70	s
Alex'dria	22	72	c
Algiers	23	73	s
Amst'dm	11	52	r
Athens	15	59	f
B Aires	26	79	f
Bahrain	30	86	s
Bangkok	31	88	f
Barbados	29	84	f
Barcelona	20	68	f
Beirut	17	63	s
Belgrade	10	50	s
Berlin	11	52	s
Bermuda	23	73	f
Biarritz	19	66	s
Borde'x	19	66	s
Brussels	12	54	f
Budapst	10	50	s
Cairo	22	72	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s
Ch'church	14	57	x
Chicago	18	64	s
Cologne	12	54	r
Corfu	17	63	s
C'phagn	9	48	c
Dublin	12	54	f
Dubrovnik	15	59	s
Faro	21	70	s
Florence	18	64	s
Frankfurt	13	55	f
Funchal	23	73	s
Geneva	15	59	s
Gibraltar	19	66	c
Helsinki	6	43	c
Hong K	26	79	s
Innsbrck	12	54	s
Istanbul	13	55	f
Jeddah	33	91	s
Jo'burg	26	79	f
Karachi	X		
L Angels	22	72	s
L Palmas	27	81	s
Le Tquet	14	57	f
Lisbon	20	68	s
Locarno	11	52	c
Luxembg	11	52	f
Luxor	27	81	s
Madrid	20	68	s
Majorca	21	70	f
Malaga	21	70	s
Malta	20	68	f
Mexico C	X		
Miami	28	82	s
Milan	14	57	c
Montreal	14	57	s
Moscow	5	41	f
Munich	13	55	s
N Delhi	29	84	s
N York	21	70	s
Nairobi	28	82	f
Naples	18	64	s
Nice	16	61	c
Oslo	9	48	c
Paris	15	59	c
Peking	12	54	s
Perth	25	77	s
Prague	11	52	c
Reykjavik	2	36	f
Rhodes	19	66	s
Rio de J	22	72	f
Riyadh	32	90	s
Rome	17	63	f
S Fr'isco	18	64	s
S Paulo	19	66	r
Salzburg	13	55	s
Santiago	29	84	s
Seoul	14	57	s
Sing'por	27	81	f
St'kholm	10	50	s
Strasb'rg	16	61	f
Sydney	15	59	c
Tangier	25	77	s
Tel Aviv	22	72	f
Tenerife	25	77	s
Tokyo	15	59	s
Toronto	14	57	c
Tunis	21	70	f
Valencia	23	73	s
Vanc'var	9	48	f
Venice	13	55	f
Vienna	8	46	c
Warsaw	8	46	s
Wash'ton	22	72	f
Wel'ngton	15	59	x
Zurich	11	52	c

Temperatures at midday local time Sunday. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Low L will continue to fill and move eastwards. Low M will move east with little change. High D will build and drift eastwards into the Bay of Biscay.



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3:04	7.3	3:20	7.3
Aberdeen	2:27	4.4	2:47	4.3
Avonmouth	8:36	13.5	8:57	13.2
Belfast	0.22	3.6	12.44	3.6
Cardiff	8:36	12.4	8:56	12.1
Devonport	7:11	5.5	7:29	5.4
Dover	0:14	6.8	12:33	6.9
Dublin (N Wall)	0:36	4.1	1:02	4.1
Falmouth	6:42	5.2	6:58	5.0
Greenock	1:52	3.7	2:01	3.7
Harwich	1:00	4.1	1:13	4.1
Holyhead	11.42	5.7	-	-
Hull (Albert D)	7:34	7.9	7:52	7.6
Ilfracombe	7:22	9.4	7:43	9.3
King's Lynn	7:38	7.0	7:57	6.8
Leith	3:51	5.7	4:12	5.6
Liverpool	0:19	9.5	12:37	9.3
Lowestoft	10:52	2.5	11:08	2.5
Margate	1:22	4.8	1.36	4.8
Milford Haven	7:33	7.1	7.54	7.0
Newquay	6:23	6.9	6.43	6.7
Oban	6:49	4.1	7:10	4.0
Penzance	5:56	5.7	6:15	5.5
Portland	8:09	2.2	8:28	2.0
Portsmouth	0:31	4.8	12:51	4.8
Shoreham	0:34	6.4	12:51	6.4
Southampton	-	-	12:11	4.7
Swansea	7.43	9.6	8:03	9.5
Tees	4:51	5.5	5:12	5.4
Walton-on-Naze	0:58	4.3	1.13	4.3

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.49 am
Sun sets: 4.39 pm
Moon sets: 9.41 am
Moon rises: 6.53 pm

London 4.39 pm to 6.51 am
Bristol 4.49 pm to 7.01 am
Edinburgh 4.39 pm to 7.16 am
Manchester 4.42 pm to 7.05 am
Penzance 5.04 pm to 7.09 am

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